



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1797, Agenda Item #: 7.

6/8/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of two contracts for liquid chlorine with DPC Industries, Inc., and DXI Industries, Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000, to be divided between the contractors.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established].

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$1,266,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 RGW1010REBID for these goods. The solicitation was issued on December 27, 2022, and closed on February 7, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 10, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote, with zero absent and five vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide liquefied chlorine gas to be used at water and wastewater treatment plants owned by Austin Water. Chlorination is an essential step in the production of safe drinking water. Chlorine is also added to wastewater and reclaimed water to kill pathogenic microorganisms. The product complies with the American Water Works Association Standard B301-18 and National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60, which governs

additives for the treatment of drinking water.

These contracts will replace a contract that expires April 28, 2024. The current contract spend has been rapid, due to worldwide supply issues. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates, historical spend, and forecasted usage for water treatment. The recommended contractors are the current providers for these goods.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City will not have a reliable and continuous source for liquefied chlorine gas. In addition, the City will be forced to procure these goods on an as needed basis, which may result in higher prices and additional operational costs.