



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2276, **Agenda Item #:** 47.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for the installation of a natural gas pipeline and service connection to the Great Hills Lift Station, in coordination with the Great Hills Lift Station Improvements project, with Texas Gas Service, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$258,056.

[Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Managing Department**

Austin Water Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: [FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov) or [FSD\\_Central\\_Procurement\\_RCAAs@austintexas.gov](mailto:FSD_Central_Procurement_RCAAs@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2500.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 19, 2023 - Not reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a lack of quorum.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The requested action is for Council to authorize a contract with Texas Gas Service (Texas Gas), which has been procured under authority of Section 252.022(a)(7)(C) of the Texas Local Government Code as a procurement necessary to protect or preserve the public health and safety of the citizens of Austin.

As part of the Great Hills Lift Station Improvements project, a new permanent natural gas generator will be installed to mitigate risk from power outages and provide a back-up power source. To provide natural gas to this on-site generator, a new natural gas distribution pipeline and service connection is necessary. Texas Gas is the sole provider of natural gas in the area. The associated construction at the lift station, including installation of a new permanent natural gas generator, is underway as part of the Great Hills Lift Station Improvements project.

The requested contract with Texas Gas will facilitate the construction of the natural gas lines to the Great Hills Lift Station. Approval of this contract will enable Austin Water to improve wastewater system resilience,

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mitigate risk associated with future emergency weather conditions, and provide electrical resiliency.

This project is located within zip code 78759 (District 6).