



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2364, **Agenda Item #:** 64.

7/20/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize execution of a contract for a gas chromatograph-mass spectrophotometer and related services with Shimadzu Scientific Instruments Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

[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 and services 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 is available in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 AMA1087 for these goods and services. The solicitation was issued on March 13, 2023, and closed on March 30, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. 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](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138350)  
<[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=138350](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138350)>.

### **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)  
<<mailto: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:**

July 19, 2023 - Item not reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a meeting cancelation.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide for the purchase, installation, and training of a gas chromatograph-mass spectrophotometer (GC-MS system) for use at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, Environmental Analytical Services Laboratory. The City will use the system in conjunction with Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) 524 and EPA 624 methodologies to analyze wastewater, drinking water, and environmental samples for various organic compounds. In addition, the instrument is used for volatile organics analyses that are required for the regulatory pretreatment program.

Without this system, the approximate cost in sending these analyses to a third party is \$34,000 per year. In addition, there would be significant delays in providing the needed results to the customers.