



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2365, **Agenda Item #:** 65.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for original equipment manufacturer parts and repair services of IBAK equipment with Essential Equipment, LLC d/b/a Essential Equipment, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$620,000.

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

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$20,667 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:

Sole Source.

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.

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 the City with approved original equipment manufacturer parts and repair services of IBAK equipment. The parts and services provided by this contract will accelerate repairs of critical closed-circuit television inspection equipment, which is used for inspection and investigation of Austin Water's entire sanitary sewer collection system to reduce sanitary sewer overflows and service interruption.

The requested authorization amount for this new contract was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend, along with a small annual increase to account for an expected increase in repairs due to aging equipment. The recommended contractor is the only authorized dealer in Texas for IBAK equipment.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, increased downtime will inhibit adequate collection system maintenance and risk sanitary sewer collection system failures, increasing the chances of endangering the

public's health and safety.