



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2367, **Agenda Item #:** 67.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for sludge pumping and lift station (wet well) cleaning with Wastewater Transport Services, LLC, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$6,400,000.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the 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 in the amount of \$106,667 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 SLW1079 for these services. The solicitation was issued on April 3, 2023, and closed on May 16, 2023. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid 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=138570>](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138570).

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:

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

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide sewage pumping, hauling, and lift station cleaning services along with disposal of all material removed in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, and Texas Department of Transportation regulations. The sewage and sludge are removed from City sewers, wastewater lines, and wastewater treatment plants, then hauled to the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant to be treated, filtered, and tested before being discharged into the Colorado River.

This contract is replacing a contract that expires on August 27, 2023. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend, pricing, and forecasted usage. The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services.