



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2368, **Agenda Item #:** 68.

7/20/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for SulfaTreat 410 CHP with Carbon Activated Corporation, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

[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 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 \$10,000 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 EAD1010 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 24, 2023, and closed on May 30, 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=138883>](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=138883).

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:

SulfaTreat is used at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant in the gas scrubber units to protect generators and boilers by removing hydrogen sulfide gas from the methane output. These units clean the digested gas that will be used to operate the plant's gas-powered generators. The Hornsby Bend gas system was originally designed around the SulfaTreat product, and it has proven to be effective for the intended purpose of the system. The SulfaTreat media has remained effective for longer than originally expected,

thereby reducing the cost to replace the media.

The requested amount was determined by departmental estimates using historical, current, and projected spending data.

This contract replaces a contract which expired August 31, 2021. This commodity has not been purchased since the expiration of the previous contract due to having a sufficient amount of SulfaTreat stocked up, however, the last of what is on hand is currently being used. If the City is unable to secure a contract for this commodity, the City will not have a reliable source of SulfaTreat and will be unable to keep the plant generator running and will potentially be unable to keep the boilers running, greatly increasing the risk of pathogens.