



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 23-2827, **Agenda Item #:** 6.

10/5/2023

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for vertical turbine pumps with Pump Solutions Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$157,877.

[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 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating 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 [512-974-2500](mailto:FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov).

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

September 13, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 6-0 vote with one absence and four vacancies.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contractor will provide original equipment manufacturer vertical turbine pumps. The replacement of this low service pump (LSP) is essential as it provides non-potable water (NPW) supply and pressure to maintain vital treatment capabilities at the plant, particularly disinfection. It also supplies NPW to the 51st Street storage tank which Austin Water then uses to distribute to various customers.

This is a new contract. The requested authorization amount for this contract was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spending, along with a small annual increase to account for additional maintenance and repairs needed, due to the age of the equipment. The make and model of this pump is imperative due to the nature of its design and integration into the facility. Any deviation will require reconstitution of the existing system and involve multiple city agencies to rebalance flow rates and the calibration of sensors to rework the existing infrastructure.

Pump Solutions Inc. is the only authorized distributor in Texas for these goods.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, proper maintenance and repairs would not be accomplished, risking component failures. A failure of the LSPs will affect the City's non-potable water distribution capabilities, which will compromise the water treatment process and equipment.