

Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute five contracts for water utility components and accessories with Act Pipe & Supply, Inc., Core & Main, LP., Ferguson US Holding, Inc., FJ Turner Company, Inc., and Superior Gaskets, each for a term of five years in amounts not to exceed \$15,000,000, divided among the contractors.

MBE/WBE

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 required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department

Austin Water Assistant Director of Financial Services, Joseph Gonzales

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$3,000,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 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 MLJ1012 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on June 26, 2023, and closed on August 31, 2023. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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](#).

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action

November 8, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission

Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide various water utility equipment and material for Austin Water. The Line Maintenance, Construction, and Field Services divisions use these parts in water service installations and repairs. The contract will enable service crews to connect new customer accounts and repair existing customer line breaks. Parts will be stocked in the warehouse to be issued on an as-needed basis for repairs and maintenance, ensuring loss of service is kept at a minimum.

The recommended contractors have provided these goods on multiple contracts with the City. The five contractors satisfy all Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Austin Water Standard Product List in accordance with the City's specifications. The recommended contractors have the available stock, knowledge, and expertise to ensure and maintain safety standards. The requested authorization amounts were determined using historical spending amounts and department needs.

If a contract is not secured, Austin Water will not have reliable sources for water components and accessories for the City.