



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3302, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

11/30/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of 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, for a total amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, divided among the contractors.

[Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (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 \$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. This information can currently be found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139206.

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:

November 8, 2023 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an vote of 8-0 with two absences and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide various water utility equipment and materials for Austin Water. The Line

Maintenance, Construction, and Field Services divisions use these materials and equipment in water service installations and repairs enabling their service crews to connect new customer accounts and repair existing customer line breaks.

The recommended contractors have previously provided these goods on multiple contracts for the City. The five contractors satisfy all Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Austin Water Standard Product List standards 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.

A delay in contract award could impact Austin Water's ability address needed repairs and provide new customers with water access.