



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3349, **Agenda Item #:** 14.

12/14/2023

Posting Language

Authorize execution of a contract for liquid carbon dioxide with Linde Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,680,000.

[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 \$446,667 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 RGW1016 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on July 31, 2023, and closed on August 29, 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. This information is currently found at

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=139238.

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.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide liquid carbon dioxide to be used at water and wastewater treatment facilities. Liquid carbon dioxide is a safe, effective, and economical method of controlling pH levels in the municipal's drinking water. It is used for re-carbonation and pH adjustments.

This contract replaces a contract that expires on December 12, 2023. The requested authorization amount for the contract was determined using departmental estimates and historical spending, factoring in increased

needs for water treatment. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

A delay in executing this contract could leave the City without a reliable, continuous source resulting in the purchase the product on an as needed basis, resulting in higher prices and additional operational costs.