

Posting Language

Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for electrolytic cells and parts with Psi Water Technologies, Inc., for a term of three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$303,106.

MBE/WBE

Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program); therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department

Client Department

Austin Water Interim Assistant Director of Operations, Mercedes Lopez-Garcia

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$35,362 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:

Sole Source.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 14, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide the City with approved original equipment manufacturer (OEM) electrolytic cells and repair parts provided by the contractor. This will achieve microbial inactivation requirements specified in the United States Environmental Protection Agency drinking water regulations administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the more intensive City treatment goals.

This is replacing a contract that will expire March 10, 2024. 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 an increase in repairs due to aging equipment.

The contractor is the sole manufacturer and supplier of the proprietary electrolytic cells. If the City is unable to secure a contract, proper maintenance and unscheduled repairs would not be accomplished, risking component failures. These failures will affect Austin Water Treatment Operations, limiting production of safe drinking water for the City.