



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-3902, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

2/29/2024

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of 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.

[Note: 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(s)**

Austin Water.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This contract is for approved original equipment manufacturer electrolytic cells and repair parts provided by the contractor, which are used for wastewater treatment. These electrolytic cells will achieve microbial inactivation requirements as stated 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 contract will replace an existing contract set to 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. A delay in contract approval could affect the City's ability to treat wastewater, limiting the production of potable water for Austin Water customers.