

**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to execute a contract for valve assessments with Hydromax USA LLC, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,775,000.

**MBE/WBE**

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 services 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 Engineering Services, Charles Celauro

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$177,500 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 AMA1097 for these services. The solicitation was issued on November 27, 2023, and closed on December 19, 2023. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services, website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Document](#).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 17, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide valve assessment services to complete a physical condition assessment of Austin Water valves. Valves are used to completely or partially restrict the flow of water through pipes. The assessment will determine what specific rehabilitation repairs are needed to bring each valve to a fully operable state or which valves require replacement. The assessment and minor repairs of valves located throughout the City will include locating, accessing, marking, and exercising each valve, cleaning out the valve box or vault, global positioning system mapping, reporting, and minor valve repairs. The contract will enable service crews to perform repairs on valves to avoid water loss.

If the City is unable to secure a contract, the City valves could potentially not operate properly, increasing inherent risk within the water distribution system, possibly resulting in a higher number of citizens without water, and an increase in potable water loss and higher risk of property damage.