



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4391, **Agenda Item #:** 23.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for sludge tank parts with National Oilwell Varco, LP, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$141,384.

[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 \$141,384 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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 or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 17, 2024 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a vote of 9-0 with Commissioners Navarro and Turrieta absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide parts to repair a motor and gearbox to a sludge tank. The sludge tank motor and gearbox rotate the impeller continually and keep the sludge agitated and suspended in a solution to uniformly rotate the material, so it can be capable of hauling with sludge trucks. Sludge trucks are not designed to handle pure liquid and would ultimately leak if the motor and gearbox did not rotate the impeller to agitate the sludge. Handcox Water Treatment Plant is equipped with one sludge holding tank, which makes the system a critical and essential part of both the water treatment process as well as the sludge handling process. Should the sludge holding tank system cease to operate, the plant would no longer be able to process sludge effectively or to efficiently dispose of sludge.

The contractor is the sole authorized representative for Chemineer Inc., a National Oilwell Varco company, for mixers, Kenics static mixers, parts, service, and training in Texas for municipal markets. This is a new contract. Requested authorization is based on contractor quote for the required repair parts.

A delay in contract approval could impact Austin Water's ability to make needed repairs, impacting the treatment plant's operations.

The Handcox Water Treatment Plant is located within zip code 78726 (District 10)