



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4395, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

5/2/2024

Posting Language

Authorize execution of 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.

[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 services 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 \$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 on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. This information can currently be found at:

https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=140011.

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.

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 valve assessment services to perform physical condition assessments of Austin

Water valves which 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 replacement. The assessment and minor repairs of valves 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, enabling service crews to perform repairs on valves to avoid water loss.

A delay in contract approval could impact the ability of the water distribution system to operate properly, creating a higher risk of potable water loss and property damage.