

**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to execute a contract for sodium bisulfite totes with Kinetic Motorwerks, LLC, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$910,000.

**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 goods 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 Operations, Ayman Benyamin

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$15,167 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 KMF1023 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on January 15, 2024, and closed on February 27, 2024. The recommended contractor submitted the only 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:**

June 12, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide sodium bisulfate, a chemical required to maintain a redundant backup system to Austin Water's primary sulfur dioxide dosing system. In the event the primary sulfur dioxide dosing system is unexpectedly offline, a large quantity of sodium bisulfite will be required to treat untreated wastewater (effluent). The sodium bisulfite solution is necessary to reduce the residual chlorine in treated effluent before discharging the effluent into the Colorado River. Chlorine reduction is crucial to protect aquatic life and the environment.

This is a new contract; previous contracts were for spot purchases of goods. The requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs.

If a contract is not secured, the City will not be able to maintain a redundant backup system that protects aquatic life and the environment by reducing the residual chlorine before discharging the treated effluent into the Colorado River.

**Contract Details:**

<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Contract Authorization</b>
Initial Term	3 years	\$517,956
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$190,198
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$201,846
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>\$910,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.