

**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for vertical turbine pumps with Smith Pump Co. Inc., for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$360,190.

**MBE/WBE**

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**

Austin Water Assistant Director of Operations, Ayman Benyamin

**Fiscal Note**

Funding for the total contract amount is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

**Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

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

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

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide two Flowserve drainage pumps that are essential for replacing the existing pumps at the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The current pumps, which are original to the facility and past their useful life, must be replaced to ensure the facility can effectively process wastewater and maintain public and environmental safety. Failure of these pumps would result in significant damage to the operations building and hinder its functionality.

These new pumps are necessary because the existing pumps have reached a point of unrepairable damage, and refurbishment is deemed ineffective and lacking in overall confidence by Plant management and staff. Overhauls conducted in the past have extended the pumps' lifespan, with the last documented overhaul in 2007 extending it by an additional 11 years. However, due to the pumps' critical role and the risks associated with failure, replacement is the only viable option.

Smith Pump Co. Inc. is the sole source representative for Flowserve water resource pumps and parts and other Flowserve products. Flowserve is the sole manufacturer of Flowserve water resource pump products. This is a new contract. Requested authorization is based on contractor quotes for required equipment.

If a contract is not secured, the facility risks the pumps failing, causing an inability for the facility to process wastewater and causing the City to fall out of compliance with their Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Wastewater permit.