

Posting Language

Recommend approval to execute a contract for two flow injection analyzer systems with Skalar, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.

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

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 2200 CSH1026 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on March 18, 2024, and closed on April 9, 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:

August 7, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide two flow injection analyzer systems with a minimum of four chemistry modules to monitor and analyze both wastewater and drinking water. A flow injection analyzer is used in chemistry labs to quickly test samples for specific substances. It injects a small amount of liquid sample into a continuous flow of other liquids. The analyzer then measures how the sample reacts with certain chemicals to determine the amount of a specific substance in the sample.

This is a new contract. Requested authorization is based on contractor quote and departmental estimate of future needs. The recommended contractor has previously provided similar equipment to the City.

If a contract is not secured the City may not be able to meet the water monitoring and analysis requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.