

**Posting Language**

Recommend approval to execute a contract for pebble quicklime and tekkem slaker quicklime with Lhoist North America of Texas, LLC d/b/a Lhoist North America of Texas and Texas Lime Company, for up to five years in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.

**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 in the amount of \$750,000 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 solicitation IFB 2200 BYS1028 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 1, 2024, and closed on May 2, 2024. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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 quicklime for Austin Water treatment plants, which is used to reduce the mineral content of hard water through the lime softening process. Lime softening makes the water more palatable for drinking and reducing the amount of minerals depositing (as scale) on household plumbing, distribution lines, and industrial equipment. Another benefit of the softened finished water is that there is less potential for corrosion in distribution piping. Lime softening is a core component of Austin Water's drinking water treatment process and is required to maintain our current drinking water quality. The quicklime meets the National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 which governs the use of direct additives for the treatment of drinking water.

The contract replaces a contract expiring September 24, 2024. Requested authorization is based on historical spending and departmental estimates of future needs. One of the recommended contractors is the current provider for these goods.



If a contract is not secured, Austin Water would have to seek an alternate process for treating and softening drinking water for consumers.

**Contract Details:**

<b>Contract Term</b>	<b>Length of Term</b>	<b>Contract Authorization</b>
Initial Term	3 years	\$27,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$9,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$9,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>

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