Item 10
Water & Wastewater Commission: November 10, 2026
Council: November 19, 2026

Posting Language
Recommend approval to authorize a contract for construction services to improve ammonia treatment process at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant for Austin Water with Matous Construction Ltd., in the amount of $29,915,026 plus a $2,991,503 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed $32,906,529. Funding: $32,906,529 is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Lead Department
Austin Financial Services.

Managing Department
Capital Delivery Services.

Fiscal Note
Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

Procurement Language:
Austin Financial Services issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 6100 CLMC1165 for these services. The solicitation published on June 29, 2026 and closed on August 13, 2026. Of the two offers received, the bids submitted by the recommended contractors were the lowest responsive bids received. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=143984.

MBE / WBE:
This contract will be awarded in compliance with the City Code Chapter 2-9A (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 5.34% MBE and 15.48% WBE participation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:
November 10, 2026 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

Additional Backup Information:
The Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant and Bird Observatory is located on a 1200-acre site that stretches along 3.5 miles of the Colorado River, approximately eight miles east of downtown Austin. The plant has grown into a nationally recognized and award-winning biosolids recycling facility and previously the recipient of a first-place award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its recycling program.

The plant was established in the 1950's and receives and treats biosolids generated by Austin's two regional wastewater treatment plants. The treatment process includes thickening, anerobic digestion, dewatering, composting, effluent ponds, and on-site irrigation. The treated sludge is recycled into a stable organic product marketed under the trade name Dillo Dirt™ that can be used safely as a fertilizer for City park facilities and sold to the public as an EPA-certified soil conditioner.

Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant is a non-discharge facility, which does not discharge into waters of the US, per Texas Commission on Environmental Quality permit. Currently, a Side Stream Treatment Plant and pond system treat ammonia and nitrogen resulting from the treatment main process. The Ammonia Removal Facility will provide enhanced ammonia and nitrogen treatment to significantly reduce the ammonia and nitrogen levels being treated by the pond system.

This item includes five allowances:
• An allowance of $6,072,526 will be used to address provision of a complete De-ammonification System.
• An allowance of $59,500 will be used to address provision of a complete Vertical-shaft Hyperbolic Mixer.
• An allowance of $50,000 will be used to address contaminated soil or groundwater that is unexpectedly encountered during construction.
• An allowance of $150,000 will be used to address rip rap to reinforce the pond berm.
• An allowance of $83,000 will be used to address security upgrades.

An allowance is an amount that is specified and included in the construction contract or specifications for a certain item(s) of work when details are not determined at the time of bidding.

Due to the potential for unforeseen conditions during construction, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders to cover any unforeseen construction costs associated with the project.

There will be no impact to the public as all work will be done on City property that is closed to the public.

If Council does not approve this item, ammonia and nitrogen levels would continue to be treated solely by the existing pond system, which may not achieve the desired environmental outcomes.

The contract allows 660 calendar days for completion of this project.

This project is located within zip code 78725 (District 2), within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

MWBE Summary
Compliance Plan Verification

PROJECT GOALS OR SUBGOALS		
MBE (use only if MBE/WBE goal)	0.00%	
AFRICAN AMERICAN	0.72%	MET
HISPANIC AMERICAN	2.81%	MET
NATIVE/ASIAN AMERICAN	0.25%	MET
WBE	1.62%	MET

Bidder: Matous Construction, Ltd.
Sol#: CLMC1165
Project Name: Hornsby Bend BMP Process Ammonia Removal Facility and Drainage Improv
$23,500,000.00 Base Bid Amount

SUBGOALS: PROPOSED PARTICIPATION		
AFRICAN AMERICAN	1.09%	$255,000.00
HISPANIC	3.90%	$917,500.00
NATIVE/ASIAN AMERICAN	0.35%	$81,620.00
WBE	15.48%	$4,632,240.00
NON-CERTIFIED	1.86%	$437,472.00
Total Subcontractor Participatior	**22.68%**	**$6,323,832.00**
Bidder (Own Participation minus Subs)	0.00%	$0.00
TOTAL CP Summary	**22.68%**	**$6,323,832.00**

INDIVIDUAL SUBCONTRACTORS PARTICIPATION				Cert Y/N?	Comm Code	Comm Description
Zacharias N Johnson dba The Habits Group	AA	$255,000.00	1.09%	Yes	57076	Steel Reinforcing Bars & Rods
	AA	$0.00	0.00%			
	AA	$0.00	0.00%			
	AA	$0.00	0.00%			
	AA	$0.00	0.00%			
		$255,000.00	**1.09%**			
Zye Industrial LTD	HIS	$907,500.00	3.86%	Yes	91359	Construction & Upgrades, Wastewater Treatment Plant
JAG Trucking	HIS	$10,000.00	0.04%	Yes	96239	Hauling Services
	HIS	$0.00	0.00%			
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	HIS	$0.00	0.00%			
		$917,500.00	**3.90%**			
				Yes	2856778	Switchgear & Parts, Metal Clad
Shah Systems & Technology	N/A	$81,620.00	0.35%			
	N/A	$0.00	0.00%			
	N/A	$0.00	0.00%			
	N/A	$0.00	0.00%			
	N/A	$0.00	0.00%			
		$81,620.00	**0.35%**			
Liequid Waste Solutions, LLC	WBE	$30,000.00	0.13%	YES	97773	Toilets, Portable, Rental or Lease
Terra Ecoservices	WBE	$12,000.00	0.05%	YES	98814	Erosion Control Services
Lewis Concrete Restoration	WBE	$65,000.00	0.28%	YES	9136048	Manholds
T Morales Company Electric & Controls	WBE	$3,987,240.00	16.97%	YES	9143897	Electrical, Industrial (Warehouse, Utility Plants
Stephanie Braun Clayton	WBE	$18,000.00	0.08%	YES	9157297	Photography, Construction
BMB Indistrial	WBE	$520,000.00	2.21%	YES	28554 / 28512	Lighting Fixtures, Electrical Equipment & Supplies
		$4,632,240.00	**19.71%**			
AK Fuquay Construction	NON	$100,000.00	0.43%	Yes	98814	Erosion Control Services, Construction
Alpha Painting & Decorating Co.	NON	$102,975.00	0.44%	Yes	91461	Painting
ABC Pest Control of Austin dba ABC Home & Commercial Services	NON	$3,040.00	0.01%	Yes	91059	Pest Control (Inc. Termite Insp, Birds & Rodents
Asphalt Inc dba Lone Star Paving	NON	$93,730.00	0.40%	Yes	91393	Paving/Resurfacing, Street (Major & Residential)
C.A.P.'s Mechanical dba C.A.P.'s Plumbing	NON	$12,030.00	0.05%	Yes	91468	Plumbing
Red Dot Buildings	NON	$32,774.00	0.14%	Yes	15500	Buildings & Structures: Fabricated & Prefabric
Integrity Builders Supply	NON	$62,284.00	0.27%	Yes	15025	Integrity Builders Supply
Dura Serv dba Overhead Door Company of Austin	NON	$30,639.00	0.13%			
		$437,472.00	**1.86%**			

ALL SUBCONTRACTORS TOTAL	**$6,323,832.00**	**26.91%**

BIDDER'S OWN PARTICIPATION IN BASE BID (LESS AY AMOUNT SUBCONTRACTED):

Matous Construction	**$17,176,168.00**	**73.09%**
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	**$23,500,000.00**	**100.00%**