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## Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	16071	Agenda Number	53.
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Meeting Date:	June 28, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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## Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a service contract with CHEMWARE INC., or one of the other qualified offerors of RFP No. MSO0062, for the purchase of a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) including software, implementation services, training and maintenance and support services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$718,777.

## Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

## Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated proposal received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Ken Ming, Contract Compliance Manager/512-974-6557
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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## Additional Backup Information

This contract is to provide the Austin Water Utility (AWU) Laboratory Services Division (LSD) with a new integrated commercial off the shelf (COTS) Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for the computer based data management of information related to the collection and testing of drinking water, wastewater, and environmental samples conducted on behalf of AWU and other City Departments.

The terms of this contract will cover all required software licensing for the new system in the production and test environments, data migration and system implementation services, training, and annual maintenance and support for the system during the implementation period and the first five years of production.

This new system will replace the existing obsolete AWU LIMS, developed in-house and in continuous use since 1989, with a modern fully supported COTS LIMS that includes all the functionality of the existing system and provides essential enhancements in automation, processing, security, reporting, quality system management, and integration with other applicable City and AWU applications.

The AWU LSD maintains laboratories at four locations and is accredited in accordance with the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP). Each year AWU LSD staff use the LIMS to produce approximately 215 regulatory compliance reports. These reports are submitted to and reviewed by regulatory staff of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and/or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish that AWU is in compliance with the permits issued to AWU for operating their Drinking Water, Wastewater, and Biosolids facilities and systems in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

The new system will enable laboratory management to operate and maintain the laboratories effectively and efficiently while meeting all requirements for NELAP accreditation and TCEQ/EPA laboratory approval. The new system will also provide an efficient and reliable means for the use of existing and future laboratory data for process control, regulatory reporting and decision making by treatment plant staff, engineers and utility management.

#### PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition
- b. 99 notices were sent including 5 MBEs and 4 WBEs

#### APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with the Austin Water Utility recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American Statesman and on the Internet