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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	18493	Agenda Number	44.
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Meeting Date:	October 11, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a 36-month requirements supply contract with SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES CORP, for the purchase of bioxide salt for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$600,000, with three 12-month extension options in estimated amount not to exceed \$200,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 24 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding future budgets.

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Aden, Corporate Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract establishes a requirements supply agreement with Siemens Water Technologies Corporation for an estimated 96,000 gallons of bioxide salt for the Austin Water Utility. Bioxide salt is used to control sewer odor and corrosion problems in sewer lines that have been investigated and identified as potentially hazardous to the integrity of the wastewater systems and to the health and safety of workers due to the high level of sulfide found.

Bioxide is calcium nitrate, a natural product that utilizes a biological rather than chemical reaction to control odor and corrosion in the wastewater collection system. Nitrate is present naturally in wastewater in small amounts. Bioxide provides additional nitrates as a source of oxygen for the bacteria in wastewater, preventing it from becoming septic.

Siemens Water Technologies Corporation holds the patent for bioxide and has been the source of supply to the City for this product.