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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

38982

Agenda Number

11.

Meeting Date:

January 29, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a sole source contract with HACH COMPANY for the purchase and installation of turbidity and pH meters and associated control equipment for the Austin Water Utility in a total contract amount not to exceed \$197,717.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$197,717 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 CIP Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

**Purchasing
Language:**

Sole Source.

**Prior Council
Action:**



**For More
Information:**

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**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

January 14, 2014 – Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 5-0 vote.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract will be awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program as specified in Texas Government Code Chapter 252.022.

Additional Backup Information

This contract with HACH Company, Loveland, CO, is for the purchase of 29 units of Filter Trak 660Sc Laser Nephelometer (turbidity and pH meters) that are needed to replace current meters at Davis Water Treatment Plant. The current meters were purchased and installed during the system upgrade in early 2000. They are over 10 years old and have exceeded their expected useful life of 7 years and intended use.

Turbidity is the measure of relative clarity of a liquid. Cloudiness or haziness of water is caused by large numbers of individual particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye. The meters are used to measure the level of turbidity in water being treated and are integral in the production of treated water. pH measures the acid or base chemistry of the water and is also integral in the production of treated water.

This purchase is necessary for the City to remain in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. HACH Company is the sole manufacturer and distributor within the United States.