



Amendment No. 1
To
Contract No. NA170000141
For
Meter Test Equipment and Services
Between
OW Investors, LLC
dba MARS Company
and the
City of Austin

- 1.0 The City hereby exercises this extension option for the subject contract. This extension option will be May 15, 2019 through May 14, 2020. Two options will remain.
- 2.0 The total contract amount is increased by \$12,250.00 by this extension period. The total contract authorization is recapped below:

Action	Action Amount	Total Contract Amount
Initial Term: 05/15/2017 – 05/14/2019	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00
Amendment No. 1: Option 1 – Extension 05/15/2019 – 05/14/2020	\$12,250.00	\$36,750.00

- 3.0 MBE/WBE goals do not apply to this contract.
- 4.0 By signing this Amendment the Contractor certifies that the vendor and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government, as indicated by the GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs, the State of Texas, or the City of Austin.
- 5.0 All other terms and conditions remain the same.

BY THE SIGNATURES affixed below, this amendment is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the above-referenced contract.

Sign/Date:

Printed Name: DAVID COBY
Authorized Representative

OW Investors, LLC
dba MARS Company
3925 Southwest 13th Street
Ocala, Florida 34474
(800) 782-5268
mikemastic@marswater.com

Sign/Date:

Mike Zambrano, Jr.
Contract Management Specialist III

City of Austin
Purchasing Office
124 W. 8th Street, Ste. 310
Austin, Texas 78701

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND
MARS Company
For
Meter Test Equipment and Services
Contract # NA170000141**

This Contract is made by and between the City of Austin ("City"), a home-rule municipality incorporated by the State of Texas, and MARS Company ("Contractor"), having offices at Ocala, Florida.

SECTION 1. GRANT OF AUTHORITY, SERVICES AND DUTIES

1.1 **Engagement of the Contractor.** Subject to the general supervision and control of the City and subject to the provisions of the Terms and Conditions contained herein, the Contractor is engaged to provide the services set forth in Section 2, Scope of Work.

1.2 **Responsibilities of the Contractor.** The Contractor shall provide all technical and professional expertise, knowledge, management, and other resources required for providing the commodities identified in Section 2. In the event that the need arises for the Contractor to provide deliverables beyond those stated in the Section 2, the Contractor and the City shall negotiate mutually agreeable terms and compensation for such.

1.3 **Responsibilities of the City.** The City's Contract Manager will be responsible for exercising general oversight of the Contractor's activities in delivering the commodities. Specifically, the Contract Manager will represent the City's interests in resolving day-to-day issues that may arise during the term of this Contract, shall participate regularly in conference calls or meetings for status reporting, shall promptly review any written reports submitted by the Contractor, and shall approve all invoices for payment, as appropriate. The City's Contract Manager shall give the Contractor timely feedback on the acceptability of progress.

1.4 **Designation of Key Personnel.** The Contractor's Contract Manager for this engagement shall be Michael L Mastic, Phone: 1-800-782-5268, Email Address: mikemastic@marswater.com. The City's Contract Manager for the engagement shall be Larry Darity, (512) 972-2002, Email Address: larry.darity@austintexas.gov. The City's and the Contractor resolve to keep the same key personnel assigned to this engagement throughout its term. In the event that it becomes necessary for the Contractor to replace any key personnel, the replacement will be an individual having equivalent experience and competence in executing projects such as the one described herein. Additionally, the Contractor will promptly notify the City Contract Manager and obtain approval for the replacement. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF WORK

2.1 **Contractor's Obligations.** The Contractor shall fully and timely provide all deliverables described herein and in the Contractor's Offer in strict accordance with the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Contract and all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

2.2 **Tasks.** In order to accomplish the work described herein, the Contractor shall perform each of the following tasks:

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2.4 **Tasks.** In order to accomplish the work described herein, the Contractor shall perform each of the following tasks:

- 2.4.1 If applicable, MARS Company will travel to the Austin Water Utility Meter Shop one time a year for annual maintenance of the MARS testing equipment, for a maximum stay of two days on site, to have the scales calibrated, make any needed repairs, install any software upgrades that MARS has done, make any adjustments on the valves etc., provide training and maintain the MARS Meter Test Equipment. If the tanks and scales are out of calibration MARS Company will, as part of the service contract, have the local WeighTronix Representative recalibrate the scales to maintenance tolerance within NIST Handbook 44 specifications or do any repairs at no additional cost.

- 2.4.2 The Austin Water Utility shall determine of the date of the annual maintenance visit date. Notice of the requested date shall be made to MARS no less than 30 days in advance of the desired date, and shall be in either writing or e-mail, addressed to Mr. Michael Mastic or Mr. Joseph Porterfield. Confirmation of the requested date from MARS shall be via U.S. mail or e-mail addressed to the Meter Shop Operations Unit Coordinator. The Austin Water Utility has the right to combine the annual maintenance visit with a repair service call.
- 2.2.3 The Austin Water Utility Meter Shop has the right to request service or repairs as needed as an additional service call and MARS will make an additional service call within 5 working days, based on parts availability (this will be charged at the rates described in item 4.) if the issues cannot be resolved over the phone or by e-mail. MARS Company will provide "best effort" to meet the five working day target.
- 2.2.4 Parts beyond warranty coverage are not included in the service contract, if any are required. All parts will be sold at a twenty percent (20%) discount and the customer will not be charged labor or shipping charges for installation under this contract. All parts are warranted for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of purchase. MARS will replace parts installed by MARS under this service contract which fail within the warranty period, at no additional cost to the Austin Water Utility.
- 2.2.5 If applicable, any software upgrades to the MARS M3 Meter Management Software version installed as of the date of this Agreement that MARS Company has done during the year to the MARS test system will automatically be included under this service contract (this does not include any custom software changes). If software upgrades are as simple as loading a disc containing the upgrade into the computer of each workstation, and restarting the computer, the Austin Water Utility will be responsible for performing those installations. More complex software upgrades are to be installed by MARS during the annual maintenance visit. This service contract covers maintenance of any custom software upgrade that MARS has done specifically for the Austin Water Utility during the year. (Please note that the currently installed M3 "Legacy" Software has an expiration date of December 31, 2016 for support.)
- 2.2.6. MARS Company will provide a minimum of two (2) hours of training for the Meter Shop Operations personnel during any service call. Training will be continuous and ongoing and MARS Company encourages the technicians to participate in all service calls to enhance their knowledge and familiarity with the test system.

SECTION 3. COMPENSATION

3.1 **Contract Amount.** The Contractor will be paid as indicated herein upon the successful completion of the Scope of Work. In consideration for the services to be performed under this Contract, the Contractor shall be paid an amount not-to-exceed \$61,250 for all fees and expenses.

3.2 **Economic Price Adjustment.**

3.2.1. **Price Adjustments.** Prices shown in this Contract shall remain firm for the first 12 months period of the Contract. After that, in recognition of the potential for fluctuation of the Contractor's cost, a price adjustment (increase or decrease) may be requested by either the City or the Contractor on the anniversary date of the Contract or as may otherwise be specified herein. The percentage change between the contract price and the requested price shall not exceed the percentage change between the specified index in effect on the date the solicitation closed and the most recent, non-preliminary data at the time the price adjustment is requested. The requested price adjustment shall not exceed ten percent (10%) for any single line item and in no event shall the total amount of the contract be automatically adjusted as a result of the change in one or more line item made pursuant to this provision. Prices for product or services unaffected by verifiable cost trends shall not be subject to adjustment.

3.2.2 **Effective Date.** Approved price adjustments will go into effect on the first day of the upcoming renewal period or anniversary date of contract award and remain in effect until contract expiration unless changed by subsequent amendment.

3.2.3 **Adjustments.** A request for price adjustment must be made in writing and submitted to the other Party prior to the yearly anniversary date of the Contract; adjustments may only be considered at that time unless otherwise specified herein. Requested adjustments must be solely for the purpose of accommodating changes in the Contractor's direct costs. Contractor shall provide an updated price listing once agreed to adjustment(s) have been approved by the parties.

3.2.4 **Indexes.** In most cases an index from the Bureau of Labor Standards (BLS) will be utilized; however, if there is more appropriate, industry recognized standard then that index may be selected.

3.2.4.1 The following definitions apply:

3.2.4.1.1 **Base Period.** Month and year of the original contracted price (the solicitation close date).

3.2.4.1.2 **Base Price.** Initial price quoted, proposed and/or contracted per unit of measure.

3.2.4.1.3 **Adjusted Price.** Base Price after it has been adjusted in accordance with the applicable index change and instructions provided.

3.2.4.1.4 **Change Factor.** The multiplier utilized to adjust the Base Price to the Adjusted Price.

3.2.4.1.5 **Weight %.** The percent of the Base Price subject to adjustment based on an index change.

3.2.4.2 **Adjustment-Request Review.** Each adjustment-request received will be reviewed and compared to changes in the index(es) identified below. Where applicable:

3.2.4.2.1 Utilize final Compilation data instead of Preliminary data

3.2.4.2.2 If the referenced index is no longer available shift up to the next higher category index.

3.2.4.3 **Index Identification.** Complete table as they may apply.

Weight % or \$ of Base Price: 100%	
Database Name: Employment Cost Index	
Series ID: CIU1020000430000A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Seasonally Adjusted	<input type="checkbox"/> Seasonally Adjusted
Geographical Area: Nationwide	
Description of Series ID: Labor index for maintenance and repair services	
This Index shall apply to the following items of the Bid Sheet / Cost Proposal: All service, maintenance, repair, etc.	

3.2.5 **Calculation.** Price adjustment will be calculated as follows:

3.2.5.1 **Single Index.** Adjust the Base Price by the same factor calculated for the index change.

Index at time of calculation
Divided by index on solicitation close date
Equals Change Factor
Multiplied by the Base Rate
Equals the Adjusted Price

3.2.6 If the requested adjustment is not supported by the referenced index, the City, at its sole discretion, may consider approving an adjustment on fully documented market increases.

3.2.5.2 **Adjustment of a Portion of the Base Price.** A portion of the Base Price changes such that only part of the price is adjusted, while the balance of the Base Price remains fixed. The portion of the Base Price subject to adjustment is defined in 3.2.4.3 above.

Index at time of calculation
Divided by index on solicitation close date
Equals change factor
Multiply the Base Price by the portion of Base Price subject to change = weighted portion

Multiply the weighted portion times the change factor
Equals the Adjusted Price for the portion of the Base Price subject to the Index change
Add the portion of the Base Price not subject to adjustment
Equals the Adjusted Price

- 3.2.6 If the requested adjustment is not supported by the referenced index, the City, at its sole discretion, may consider approving an adjustment on fully documented market increases.

3.3 Invoices.

3.3.1 **Invoices shall contain a unique invoice number, the purchase order or delivery order number and the master agreement number if applicable, the Department's Name, and the name of the point of contact for the Department.** Invoices shall be itemized. The Contractor's name and, if applicable, the tax identification number on the invoice must exactly match the information in the Contractor's registration with the City. Unless otherwise instructed in writing, the City may rely on the remittance address specified on the Contractor's invoice. Invoices received without all required information cannot be processed and will be returned to the Contractor. Invoices shall be mailed to the below address:

	City of Austin
Department	Austin Water
Attn:	Accounts Payable
Address	625 E 10 th Street
City, State, Zip Code	Austin, TX 78701

3.3.2 Invoices for labor shall include a copy of all time-sheets with trade labor rate and deliverables order number clearly identified. Invoices shall also include a tabulation of work-hours at the appropriate rates and grouped by work order number. Time billed for labor shall be limited to hours actually worked at the work site.

3.3.3 Unless otherwise expressly authorized in the Contract, the Contractor shall pass through all Subcontract and other authorized expenses at actual cost without markup.

3.3.4 Federal excise taxes, State taxes, or City sales taxes must not be included in the invoiced amount. The City will furnish a tax exemption certificate upon request.

3.4 Payment.

3.4.1 All proper invoices received by the City will be paid within thirty (30) calendar days of the City's receipt of the deliverables or of the invoice, whichever is later.

3.4.2 **If payment is not timely made, (per this paragraph), interest shall accrue on the unpaid balance at the lesser of the rate specified in Texas Government Code Section 2251.025 or the maximum lawful rate; except, if payment is not timely made for a reason for which the City may withhold payment hereunder, interest shall not accrue until ten (10) calendar days after the grounds for withholding payment have been resolved.**

3.4.3 The City may withhold or off set the entire payment or part of any payment otherwise due the Contractor to such extent as may be necessary on account of:

3.4.3.1 delivery of defective or non-conforming deliverables by the Contractor;

3.4.3.2 third party claims, which are not covered by the insurance which the Contractor is required to provide, are filed or reasonable evidence indicating probable filing of such claims;

3.4.3.3 failure of the Contractor to pay Subcontractors, or for labor, materials or equipment;

3.4.3.4 damage to the property of the City or the City's agents, employees or contractors, which is not covered by insurance required to be provided by the Contractor;

3.4.3.5 reasonable evidence that the Contractor's obligations will not be completed within the time specified in the Contract, and that the unpaid balance would not be adequate to cover actual or liquidated damages for the anticipated delay;

3.4.3.6 failure of the Contractor to submit proper invoices with all required attachments and supporting documentation; or

3.4.3.7 failure of the Contractor to comply with any material provision of the Contract Documents.

3.4.4 Notice is hereby given of Article VIII, Section 1 of the Austin City Charter which prohibits the payment of any money to any person, firm or corporation who is in arrears to the City for taxes, and of §2-8-3 of the Austin City Code concerning the right of the City to offset indebtedness owed the City.

3.4.5 Payment will be made by check unless the parties mutually agree to payment by credit card or electronic transfer of funds. The Contractor agrees that there shall be no additional charges, surcharges, or penalties to the City for payments made by credit card or electronic transfer of funds.

3.5 **Non-Appropriation.** The awarding or continuation of this Contract is dependent upon the availability of funding. The City's payment obligations are payable only and solely from funds Appropriated and available for this Contract. The absence of Appropriated or other lawfully available funds shall render the Contract null and void to the extent funds are not Appropriated or available and any deliverables delivered but unpaid shall be returned to the Contractor. The City shall provide the Contractor written notice of the failure of the City to make an adequate Appropriation for any fiscal year to pay the amounts due under the Contract, or the reduction of any Appropriation to an amount insufficient to permit the City to pay its obligations under the Contract. In the event of non or inadequate appropriation of funds, there will be no penalty nor removal fees charged to the City.

3.6 **Reimbursable Expenses.** Expenses incurred directly in support of completing the work set forth in this Contract are reimbursable to the Contractor within the Contract amount.

3.6.1 **Administrative.** The Contractor will be reimbursed for selected administrative expenses incurred directly in support of executing this Contract. Reimbursable administrative expenses include actual charges for long distance telephone calls, facsimile transmissions, reproduction, printing and binding, postage, express delivery and report processing.

3.6.2 **Travel Expenses.** All travel, lodging, and per diem expenses in connection with the Contract for which reimbursement may be claimed by the Contractor under the terms of the Contract will be reviewed against the City's Travel Policy and the current United States General Services Administration Domestic Per Diem Rates (the "Rates") as published and maintained on the Internet at:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/21287>

No amounts in excess of the Travel Policy or Rates shall be paid. All invoices must be accompanied by copies of itemized receipts (e.g. hotel bills, airline tickets). No reimbursement will be made for expenses not actually incurred. Airline fares in excess of coach or economy will not be reimbursed. Mileage charges may not exceed the amount permitted as a deduction in any year under the Internal Revenue Code or Regulation.

3.7 **Final Payment and Close-Out.**

3.7.1 The making and acceptance of final payment will constitute:

3.7.1.1 a waiver of all claims by the City against the Contractor, except claims (1) which have been previously asserted in writing and not yet settled, (2) arising from defective work appearing after final inspection, (3) arising from failure of the Contractor to comply with the Contract or the terms of any warranty specified herein, (4) arising from the Contractor's continuing obligations under the Contract, including but not limited to indemnity and warranty obligations, or (5) arising under the City's right to audit; and

3.7.1.2 a waiver of all claims by the Contractor against the City other than those previously asserted in writing and not yet settled.

SECTION 4. TERM AND TERMINATION

4.1 **Term of Contract.** The Contract shall be in effect for an initial term of 24 months and may be extended thereafter for up to 3 additional 12 month periods, subject to the approval of the Contractor and the City Purchasing Officer or his designee.

4.1.1 Upon expiration of the initial term or period of extension, the Contractor agrees to hold over under the terms and conditions of this Contract for such a period of time as is reasonably necessary to re-solicit and/or complete the project (not to exceed 120 calendar days unless mutually agreed on in writing).

4.1.2 This is a 24 month Contract. Prices are firm for the first twelve (12) months.

4.2 **Right To Assurance.** Whenever one party to the Contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, demand may be made to the other party for written assurance of the intent to perform. In the event that no assurance is given within the time specified after demand is made, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Contract.

4.3 **Default.** The Contractor shall be in default under the Contract if the Contractor (a) fails to fully, timely and faithfully perform any of its material obligations under the Contract, (b) fails to provide adequate assurance of performance under the "Right to Assurance paragraph herein, (c) becomes insolvent or seeks relief under the bankruptcy laws of the United States or (d) makes a material misrepresentation in Contractor's Offer, or in any report or deliverable required to be submitted by Contractor to the City.

4.4 **Termination For Cause.** In the event of a default by the Contractor, the City shall have the right to terminate the Contract for cause, by written notice effective ten (10) calendar days, unless otherwise specified, after the date of such notice, unless the Contractor, within such ten (10) day period, cures such default, or provides evidence sufficient to prove to the City's reasonable satisfaction that such default does not, in fact, exist. The City may place Contractor on probation for a specified period of time within which the Contractor must correct any non-compliance issues. Probation shall not normally be for a period of more than nine (9) months, however, it may be for a longer period, not to exceed one (1) year depending on the circumstances. If the City determines the Contractor has failed to perform satisfactorily during the probation period, the City may proceed with suspension. In the event of a default by the Contractor, the City may suspend or debar the Contractor in accordance with the "City of Austin Purchasing Office Probation, Suspension and Debarment Rules for Vendors" and remove the Contractor from the City's vendor list for up to five (5) years and any Offer submitted by the Contractor may be disqualified for up to five (5) years. In addition to any other remedy available under law or in equity, the City shall be entitled to recover all actual damages, costs, losses and expenses, incurred by the City as a result of the Contractor's default, including, without limitation, cost of cover, reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and prejudgment and post-judgment interest at the maximum lawful rate. All rights and remedies under the Contract are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other right or remedy provided by law.

4.5 **Termination Without Cause.** The City shall have the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, without cause any time upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice. Upon receipt of a notice of termination, the Contractor shall promptly cease all further work pursuant to the Contract, with such exceptions, if any, specified in the notice of termination. The City shall pay the Contractor, to the extent of funds Appropriated or otherwise legally available for such purposes, for all goods delivered and services performed and obligations incurred prior to the date of termination in accordance with the terms hereof.

4.6 **Fraud.** Fraudulent statements by the Contractor on any Offer or in any report or deliverable required to be submitted by the Contractor to the City shall be grounds for the termination of the Contract for cause by the City and may result in legal action.

SECTION 5. OTHER DELIVERABLES

5.1 **Insurance:** The following insurance requirements apply.

5.1.1 General Requirements.

5.1.1.1 The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated herein for the duration of the Contract and during any warranty period.

5.1.1.2 The Contractor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance as verification of coverages required below to the City at the below address prior to Contract execution and within fourteen (14) calendar days after written request from the City.

5.1.1.3 The Contractor must also forward a Certificate of Insurance to the City whenever a previously identified policy period has expired, or an extension option or holdover period is exercised, as verification of continuing coverage.

5.1.1.4 The Contractor shall not commence work until the required insurance is obtained and has been reviewed by City. Approval of insurance by the City shall not relieve or decrease the liability of the Contractor hereunder and shall not be construed to be a limitation of liability on the part of the Contractor.

5.1.1.5 The City may request that the Contractor submit certificates of insurance to the City for all subcontractors prior to the subcontractors commencing work on the project.

5.1.1.6 The Contractor's and all subcontractors' insurance coverage shall be written by companies licensed to do business in the State of Texas at the time the policies are issued and shall be written by companies with A.M. Best ratings of B+VII or better.

5.1.1.7 All endorsements naming the City as additional insured, waivers, and notices of cancellation endorsements as well as the Certificate of Insurance shall be mailed to the following address:

City of Austin
Purchasing Office
P. O. Box 1088
Austin, Texas 78767

5.1.1.8 The "other" insurance clause shall not apply to the City where the City is an additional insured shown on any policy. It is intended that policies required in the Contract, covering both the City and the Contractor, shall be considered primary coverage as applicable.

5.1.1.9 If insurance policies are not written for amounts specified in Paragraph 5.1.2, Specific Coverage Requirements, the Contractor shall carry Umbrella or Excess Liability Insurance for any differences in amounts specified. If Excess Liability Insurance is provided, it shall follow the form of the primary coverage.

5.1.1.10 The City shall be entitled, upon request, at an agreed upon location, and without expense, to review certified copies of policies and endorsements thereto and may make any reasonable requests for deletion or revision or modification of particular policy terms, conditions, limitations, or exclusions except where policy provisions are established by law or regulations binding upon either of the parties hereto or the underwriter on any such policies.

5.1.1.11 The City reserves the right to review the insurance requirements set forth during the effective period of the Contract and to make reasonable adjustments to insurance coverage, limits, and exclusions when deemed necessary and prudent by the City based upon changes in statutory law, court decisions, the claims history of the industry or financial condition of the insurance company as well as the Contractor.

5.1.1.12 The Contractor shall not cause any insurance to be canceled nor permit any insurance to lapse during the term of the Contract or as required in the Contract.

5.1.1.13 The Contractor shall be responsible for premiums, deductibles and self-insured retentions, if any, stated in policies. All deductibles or self-insured retentions shall be disclosed on the Certificate of Insurance.

5.1.1.14 The Contractor shall endeavor to provide the City thirty (30) calendar days written notice of erosion of the aggregate limits below occurrence limits for all applicable coverages indicated within the Contract.

5.1.2 **Specific Coverage Requirements.** The Contractor shall at a minimum carry insurance in the types and amounts indicated below for the duration of the Contract, including extension options and hold over periods, and during any warranty period. These insurance coverages are required minimums and are not intended to limit the responsibility or liability of the Contractor.

5.1.2.1 **Commercial General Liability Insurance.** The minimum bodily injury and property damage per occurrence are \$500,000 for coverages A (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and B (Personal and Advertising Injuries). The policy shall contain the following provisions and endorsements.

5.1.2.1.1 Contractual liability coverage for liability assumed under the Contract and all other Contracts related to the project.

5.1.2.1.2 Contractor/Subcontracted Work.

5.1.2.1.3 Products/Completed Operations Liability for the duration of the warranty period.

5.1.2.1.4 Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CG 2404, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.1.5 Thirty (30) calendar days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CG 0205, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.1.6 The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CG 2010, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2 **Business Automobile Liability Insurance.** The Contractor shall provide coverage for all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with a minimum combined single limit of \$500,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage. Alternate acceptable limits are \$250,000 bodily injury per person, \$500,000 bodily injury per occurrence and at least \$100,000 property damage liability per accident. The policy shall contain the following endorsements:

5.1.2.2.1 Waiver of Subrogation, Endorsement CA0444, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2.2 Thirty (30) calendar days Notice of Cancellation, Endorsement CA0244, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.2.3 The City of Austin listed as an additional insured, Endorsement CA2048, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.3 **Worker's Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance.** Coverage shall be consistent with statutory benefits outlined in the Texas Worker's Compensation Act (Section 401). The minimum policy limits for Employer's Liability are \$100,000 bodily injury each accident, \$500,000 bodily injury by disease policy limit and \$100,000 bodily injury by disease each employee. The policy shall contain the following provisions and endorsements:

5.1.2.3.1 The Contractor's policy shall apply to the State of Texas.

5.1.2.3.2 Waiver of Subrogation, Form WC420304, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.3.3 Thirty (30) calendar days Notice of Cancellation, Form WC420601, or equivalent coverage.

5.1.2.5 **Endorsements.** The specific insurance coverage endorsements specified above, or their equivalents must be provided. In the event that endorsements, which are the equivalent of the required coverage, are proposed to be substituted for the required coverage, copies of the equivalent endorsements must be provided for the City's review and approval.

5.2 **Equal Opportunity.**

5.2.1 **Equal Employment Opportunity.** No Contractor, or Contractor's agent, shall engage in any discriminatory employment practice as defined in Chapter 5-4 of the City Code. No Offer submitted to the City shall be considered, nor any Purchase Order issued, or any Contract awarded by the City unless the Offeror has executed and filed with the City Purchasing Office a current Non-Discrimination Certification. Non-

compliance with Chapter 5-4 of the City Code may result in sanctions, including termination of the contract and the Contractor's suspension or debarment from participation on future City contracts until deemed compliant with Chapter 5-4.

5.2.2 Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance. No Contractor, or Contractor's agent, shall engage in any discriminatory practice against individuals with disabilities as defined in the ADA, including but not limited to: employment, accessibility to goods and services, reasonable accommodations, and effective communications.

5.3 Interested Parties Disclosure. As a condition to entering the Contract, the Business Entity constituting the Offeror must provide the following disclosure of Interested Parties to the City prior to the award of a contract with the City on Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission for any contract award requiring council authorization. The Certificate of Interested Parties Form must be completed on the Texas Ethics Commission website, printed, and signed by the authorized agent of the Business Entity with acknowledgment that disclosure is made under oath and under penalty of perjury. The City will submit the "Certificate of Interested Parties" to the Texas Ethics Commission within 30 days of receipt from the Offeror. Link to Texas Ethics Commission Form 1295 process and procedures below:

https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

5.4 Acceptance of Incomplete or Non-Conforming Deliverables. If, instead of requiring immediate correction or removal and replacement of defective or non-conforming deliverables, the City prefers to accept it, the City may do so. The Contractor shall pay all claims, costs, losses and damages attributable to the City's evaluation of and determination to accept such defective or non-conforming deliverables. If any such acceptance occurs prior to final payment, the City may deduct such amounts as are necessary to compensate the City for the diminished value of the defective or non-conforming deliverables. If the acceptance occurs after final payment, such amount will be refunded to the City by the Contractor.

5.5 Delays.

5.4.1 The City may delay scheduled delivery or other due dates by written notice to the Contractor if the City deems it is in its best interest. If such delay causes an increase in the cost of the work under the Contract, the City and the Contractor shall negotiate an equitable adjustment for costs incurred by the Contractor in the Contract price and execute an amendment to the Contract. The Contractor must assert its right to an adjustment within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of the notice of delay. Failure to agree on any adjusted price shall be handled under the Dispute Resolution process specified herein. However, nothing in this provision shall excuse the Contractor from delaying the delivery as notified.

5.5.2 Neither party shall be liable for any default or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Contract if, while and to the extent such default or delay is caused by acts of God, fire, riots, civil commotion, labor disruptions, sabotage, sovereign conduct, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of such Party. In the event of default or delay in Contract performance due to any of the foregoing causes, then the time for completion of the services will be extended; provided, however, in such an event, a conference will be held within three (3) business days to establish a mutually agreeable period of time reasonably necessary to overcome the effect of such failure to perform.

5.5.3 Ownership And Use Of Deliverables. The City shall own all rights, titles, and interests throughout the world in and to the deliverables.

5.5.1 Patents. As to any patentable subject matter contained in the deliverables, the Contractor agrees to disclose such patentable subject matter to the City. Further, if requested by the City, the Contractor agrees to assign and, if necessary, cause each of its employees to assign the entire right, title, and interest to specific inventions under such patentable subject matter to the City and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver and, if necessary, cause each of its employees to execute, acknowledge, and deliver an assignment of letters patent, in a form to be reasonably approved by the City, to the City upon request by the City.

5.5.4 Rights to Proposal and Contractual Material. All material submitted by the Contractor to the City shall become property of the City upon receipt. Any portions of such material claimed by the

Contractor to be proprietary must be clearly marked as such. Determination of the public nature of the material is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 6. WARRANTIES

6.1 Warranty – Price.

6.1.1 The Contractor warrants the prices quoted in the Offer are no higher than the Contractor's current prices on orders by others for like deliverables under similar terms of purchase.

6.1.2 The Contractor certifies that the prices in the Offer have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such fees with any other firm or with any competitor.

6.1.3 In addition to any other remedy available, the City may deduct from any amounts owed to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, any amounts paid for items in excess of the Contractor's current prices on orders by others for like deliverables under similar terms of purchase.

6.2 **Warranty – Services.** The Contractor warrants and represents that all services to be provided to the City under the Contract will be fully and timely performed in a good and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally accepted industry standards and practices, the terms, conditions, and covenants of the Contract, and all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules or regulations.

6.2.1 The Contractor may not limit, exclude or disclaim the foregoing warranty or any warranty implied by law, and any attempt to do so shall be without force or effect.

6.2.2 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the warranty period shall be at least one year from the acceptance date. If during the warranty period, one or more of the warranties are breached, the Contractor shall promptly upon receipt of demand perform the services again in accordance with above standard at no additional cost to the City. All costs incidental to such additional performance shall be borne by the Contractor. The City shall endeavor to give the Contractor written notice of the breach of warranty within thirty (30) calendar days of discovery of the breach of warranty, but failure to give timely notice shall not impair the City's rights under this section.

6.2.3 If the Contractor is unable or unwilling to perform its services in accordance with the above standard as required by the City, then in addition to any other available remedy, the City may reduce the amount of services it may be required to purchase under the Contract from the Contractor, and purchase conforming services from other sources. In such event, the Contractor shall pay to the City upon demand the increased cost, if any, incurred by the City to procure such services from another source.

SECTION 7. MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 **Place and Condition of Work.** The City shall provide the Contractor access to the sites where the Contractor is to perform the services as required in order for the Contractor to perform the services in a timely and efficient manner in accordance with and subject to the applicable security laws, rules, and regulations. The Contractor acknowledges that it has satisfied itself as to the nature of the City's service requirements and specifications, the location and essential characteristics of the work sites, the quality and quantity of materials, equipment, labor and facilities necessary to perform the services, and any other condition or state of fact which could in any way affect performance of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract. The Contractor hereby releases and holds the City harmless from and against any liability or claim for damages of any kind or nature if the actual site or service conditions differ from expected conditions.

7.2 Workforce.

7.2.1 The Contractor shall employ only orderly and competent workers, skilled in the performance of the services which they will perform under the Contract.

7.2.2 The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors, and subcontractor's employees may not while engaged in participating or responding to a solicitation or while in the course and scope of delivering goods or services under a City of Austin contract or on the City's property:

7.2.2.1 use or possess a firearm, including a concealed handgun that is licensed under state law, except as required by the terms of the Contract; and

7.2.2.2 use or possess alcoholic or other intoxicating beverages, illegal drugs or controlled substances, nor may such workers be intoxicated, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs, on the job.

7.2.3 If the City or the City's representative notifies the Contractor that any worker is incompetent, disorderly or disobedient, has knowingly or repeatedly violated safety regulations, has possessed any firearms, or has possessed or was under the influence of alcohol or drugs on the job, the Contractor shall immediately remove such worker from Contract services, and may not employ such worker again on Contract services without the City's prior written consent.

7.3 Compliance with Health, Safety, and Environmental Regulations. The Contractor, its Subcontractors, and their respective employees, shall comply fully with all applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and environmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations in the performance of the services, including but not limited to those promulgated by the City and by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In case of conflict, the most stringent safety requirement shall govern. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from and against all claims, demands, suits, actions, judgments, fines, penalties and liability of every kind arising from the breach of the Contractor's obligations under this paragraph.

7.4 Significant Event. The Contractor shall immediately notify the City's Contract Manager of any current or prospective "significant event" on an ongoing basis. All notifications shall be submitted in writing to the Contract Manager. As used in this provision, a "significant event" is any occurrence or anticipated occurrence which might reasonably be expected to have a material effect upon the Contractor's ability to meet its contractual obligations. Significant events may include but not be limited to the following:

7.4.1 disposal of major assets;

7.4.2 any major computer software conversion, enhancement or modification to the operating systems, security systems, and application software, used in the performance of this Contract;

7.4.3 any significant termination or addition of provider contracts;

7.4.4 the Contractor's insolvency or the imposition of, or notice of the intent to impose, a receivership, conservatorship or special regulatory monitoring, or any bankruptcy proceedings, voluntary or involuntary, or reorganization proceedings;

7.4.5 strikes, slow-downs or substantial impairment of the Contractor's facilities or of other facilities used by the Contractor in the performance of this Contract;

7.4.6 reorganization, reduction and/or relocation in key personnel;

7.4.7 known or anticipated sale, merger, or acquisition;

7.4.8 known, planned or anticipated stock sales;

7.4.9 any litigation against the Contractor; or

7.4.10 significant change in market share or product focus.

7.5 Audits and Records.

7.5.1 The Contractor agrees that the representatives of the Office of the City Auditor or other authorized representatives of the City shall have access to, and the right to audit, examine, or reproduce, any and all records of the Contractor related to the performance under this Contract. The Contractor shall retain all such records for a period of three (3) years after final payment on this Contract or until all audit and litigation matters that the City has brought to the attention of the Contractor are resolved, whichever is longer. The Contractor agrees to refund to the City any overpayments disclosed by any such audit.

7.5.2 Records Retention:

7.5.2.1 Contractor is subject to City Code chapter 2-11 (Records Management), and as it may subsequently be amended. For purposes of this subsection, a Record means all books, accounts, reports, files, and other data recorded or created by a Contractor in fulfillment of the Contract whether in digital or physical format, except a record specifically relating to the Contractor's internal administration.

7.5.2.2 All Records are the property of the City. The Contractor may not dispose of or destroy a Record without City authorization and shall deliver the Records, in all requested formats and media, along with all finding aids and metadata, to the City at no cost when requested by the City.

7.5.3 The Contractor shall include sections 7.5.1 and 7.5.2 above in all subcontractor agreements entered into in connection with this Contract.

7.6 **Stop Work Notice.** The City may issue an immediate Stop Work Notice in the event the Contractor is observed performing in a manner that is in violation of Federal, State, or local guidelines, or in a manner that is determined by the City to be unsafe to either life or property. Upon notification, the Contractor will cease all work until notified by the City that the violation or unsafe condition has been corrected. The Contractor shall be liable for all costs incurred by the City as a result of the issuance of such Stop Work Notice.

7.7 **Indemnity.**

7.7.1 Definitions:

7.7.1.1 "Indemnified Claims" shall include any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, judgments and liability of every character, type or description, including all reasonable costs and expenses of litigation, mediation or other alternate dispute resolution mechanism, including attorney and other professional fees for:

7.7.1.1.1 damage to or loss of the property of any person (including, but not limited to the City, the Contractor, their respective agents, officers, employees and subcontractors; the officers, agents, and employees of such subcontractors; and third parties); and/or;

7.7.1.1.2 death, bodily injury, illness, disease, worker's compensation, loss of services, or loss of income or wages to any person (including but not limited to the agents, officers and employees of the City, the Contractor, the Contractor's subcontractors, and third parties),

7.7.1.2 "Fault" shall include the sale of defective or non-conforming deliverables, negligence, willful misconduct, or a breach of any legally imposed strict liability standard.

7.7.2 THE CONTRACTOR SHALL DEFEND (AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY), INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD THE CITY, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL INDEMNIFIED CLAIMS DIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, INCIDENT TO, CONCERNING OR RESULTING FROM THE FAULT OF THE CONTRACTOR, OR THE CONTRACTOR'S AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR SUBCONTRACTORS, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONTRACT. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF THE CITY OR THE CONTRACTOR (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE RIGHT TO SEEK CONTRIBUTION) AGAINST ANY THIRD PARTY WHO MAY BE LIABLE FOR AN INDEMNIFIED CLAIM.

7.8 **Claims.** If any claim, demand, suit, or other action is asserted against the Contractor which arises under or concerns the Contract, or which could have a material adverse affect on the Contractor's ability to perform thereunder, the Contractor shall give written notice thereof to the City within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of notice by the Contractor. Such notice to the City shall state the date of notification of any such claim, demand, suit, or other action; the names and addresses of the claimant(s); the basis thereof; and the name of each person against whom such claim is being asserted. Such notice shall be delivered personally or by mail and shall be sent to the City and to the Austin City Attorney. Personal delivery to the City Attorney shall be to City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701, and mail delivery shall be to P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767.

7.9 **Notices.** Unless otherwise specified, all notices, requests, or other communications required or appropriate to be given under the Contract shall be in writing and shall be deemed delivered three (3) business days after postmarked if sent by U.S. Postal Service Certified or Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Notices delivered by other means shall be deemed delivered upon receipt by the addressee. Routine communications may be made

by first class mail, telefax, or other commercially accepted means. Notices to the City and the Contractor shall be addressed as follows:

To the City:

City of Austin, Purchasing Office

ATTN: CA's Name, Contract Administrator

P O Box 1088

Austin, TX 78767

To the Contractor:

Contractor's Name

ATTN: Name, Contract Manager

Street Address

City, State Zip Code

7.10 Confidentiality. In order to provide the deliverables to the City, Contractor may require access to certain of the City's and/or its licensors' confidential information (including inventions, employee information, trade secrets, confidential know-how, confidential business information, and other information which the City or its licensors consider confidential) (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Contractor acknowledges and agrees that the Confidential Information is the valuable property of the City and/or its licensors and any unauthorized use, disclosure, dissemination, or other release of the Confidential Information will substantially injure the City and/or its licensors. The Contractor (including its employees, subcontractors, agents, or representatives) agrees that it will maintain the Confidential Information in strict confidence and shall not disclose, disseminate, copy, divulge, recreate, or otherwise use the Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the City or in a manner not expressly permitted under this Contract, unless the Confidential Information is required to be disclosed by law or an order of any court or other governmental authority with proper jurisdiction, provided the Contractor promptly notifies the City before disclosing such information so as to permit the City reasonable time to seek an appropriate protective order. The Contractor agrees to use protective measures no less stringent than the Contractor uses within its own business to protect its own most valuable information, which protective measures shall under all circumstances be at least reasonable measures to ensure the continued confidentiality of the Confidential Information.

7.11 Advertising. The Contractor shall not advertise or publish, without the City's prior consent, the fact that the City has entered into the Contract, except to the extent required by law.

7.12 No Contingent Fees. The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure the Contract upon any agreement or understanding for commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees of bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right, in addition to any other remedy available, to cancel the Contract without liability and to deduct from any amounts owed to the Contractor, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee.

7.13 Gratuities. The City may, by written notice to the Contractor, cancel the Contract without liability if it is determined by the City that gratuities were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the City with a view toward securing the Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making of any determinations with respect to the performing of such contract. In the event the Contract is canceled by the City pursuant to this provision, the City shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold the amount of the cost incurred by the Contractor in providing such gratuities.

7.14 Prohibition Against Personal Interest in Contracts. No officer, employee, independent consultant, or elected official of the City who is involved in the development, evaluation, or decision-making process of the performance of any solicitation shall have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in the Contract resulting from that solicitation. Any willful violation of this section shall constitute impropriety in office, and any officer or employee guilty thereof shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Any violation of this provision, with the knowledge, expressed or implied, of the Contractor shall render the Contract voidable by the City.

7.15 Independent Contractor. The Contract shall not be construed as creating an employer/employee relationship, a partnership, or a joint venture. The Contractor's services shall be those of an independent contractor. The Contractor agrees and understands that the Contract does not grant any rights or privileges established for employees of the City.

7.16 **Assignment-Delegation.** The Contract shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the City and the Contractor and their respective successors and assigns, provided however, that no right or interest in the Contract shall be assigned and no obligation shall be delegated by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the City. Any attempted assignment or delegation by the Contractor shall be void unless made in conformity with this paragraph. The Contract is not intended to confer rights or benefits on any person, firm or entity not a party hereto; it being the intention of the parties that there be no third party beneficiaries to the Contract.

7.17 **Waiver.** No claim or right arising out of a breach of the Contract can be discharged in whole or in part by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless the waiver or renunciation is supported by consideration and is in writing signed by the aggrieved party. No waiver by either the Contractor or the City of any one or more events of default by the other party shall operate as, or be construed to be, a permanent waiver of any rights or obligations under the Contract, or an express or implied acceptance of any other existing or future default or defaults, whether of a similar or different character.

7.18 **Modifications.** The Contract can be modified or amended only in writing signed by both parties. No pre-printed or similar terms on any Contractor invoice, order or other document shall have any force or effect to change the terms, covenants, and conditions of the Contract.

7.19 **Interpretation.** The Contract is intended by the parties as a final, complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealing between the parties or course of performance or usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in the Contract. Although the Contract may have been substantially drafted by one party, it is the intent of the parties that all provisions be construed in a manner to be fair to both parties, reading no provisions more strictly against one party or the other. Whenever a term defined by the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted by the State of Texas, is used in the Contract, the UCC definition shall control, unless otherwise defined in the Contract.

7.20 **Dispute Resolution.**

7.20.1 If a dispute arises out of or relates to the Contract, or the breach thereof, the parties agree to negotiate prior to prosecuting a suit for damages. However, this section does not prohibit the filing of a lawsuit to toll the running of a statute of limitations or to seek injunctive relief. Either party may make a written request for a meeting between representatives of each party within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the request or such later period as agreed by the parties. Each party shall include, at a minimum, one (1) senior level individual with decision-making authority regarding the dispute. The purpose of this and any subsequent meeting is to attempt in good faith to negotiate a resolution of the dispute. If, within thirty (30) calendar days after such meeting, the parties have not succeeded in negotiating a resolution of the dispute, they will proceed directly to mediation as described below. Negotiation may be waived by a written agreement signed by both parties, in which event the parties may proceed directly to mediation as described below.

7.20.2 If the efforts to resolve the dispute through negotiation fail, or the parties waive the negotiation process, the parties may select, within thirty (30) calendar days, a mediator trained in mediation skills to assist with resolution of the dispute. Should they choose this option, the City and the Contractor agree to act in good faith in the selection of the mediator and to give consideration to qualified individuals nominated to act as mediator. Nothing in the Contract prevents the parties from relying on the skills of a person who is trained in the subject matter of the dispute or a contract interpretation expert. If the parties fail to agree on a mediator within thirty (30) calendar days of initiation of the mediation process, the mediator shall be selected by the Travis County Dispute Resolution Center (DRC). The parties agree to participate in mediation in good faith for up to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the first mediation session. The City and the Contractor will share the mediator's fees equally and the parties will bear their own costs of participation such as fees for any consultants or attorneys they may utilize to represent them or otherwise assist them in the mediation.

7.21 **Minority And Women Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Procurement Program.**

7.21.1 All City procurements are subject to the City's Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program found at Chapters 2-9A, 2-9B, 2-9C and 2-9D of the City Code. The Program provides Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MBEs/WBEs) full opportunity to participate in all City contracts.

7.21.2 The City of Austin has determined that no goals are appropriate for this Contract. **Even though no goals have been established for this Contract, the Contractor is required to comply with the City's**

MBE/WBE Procurement Program, Chapters 2-9A, 2-9B, 2-9C and 2-9D, of the City Code, as applicable, if areas of subcontracting are identified.

7.21.3 If any service is needed to perform the Contract and the Contractor does not perform the service with its own workforce or if supplies or materials are required and the Contractor does not have the supplies or materials in its inventory, the Contractor shall contact the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (DSMBR) at (512) 974-7600 to obtain a list of MBE and WBE firms available to perform the service or provide the supplies or materials. The Contractor must also make a Good Faith Effort to use available MBE and WBE firms. Good Faith Efforts include but are not limited to contacting the listed MBE and WBE firms to solicit their interest in performing on the Contract; using MBE and WBE firms that have shown an interest, meet qualifications, and are competitive in the market; and documenting the results of the contacts.

7.22 Subcontractors.

7.22.1 If the Contractor identified Subcontractors in an MBE/WBE Program Compliance Plan or a No Goals Utilization Plan, the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Chapters 2-9A, 2-9B, 2-9C, and 2-9D, as applicable, of the Austin City Code and the terms of the Compliance Plan or Utilization Plan as approved by the City (the "Plan"). The Contractor shall not initially employ any Subcontractor except as provided in the Contractor's Plan. The Contractor shall not substitute any Subcontractor identified in the Plan, unless the substitute has been accepted by the City in writing in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 2-9A, 2-9B, 2-9C and 2-9D, as applicable. No acceptance by the City of any Subcontractor shall constitute a waiver of any rights or remedies of the City with respect to defective deliverables provided by a Subcontractor. If a Plan has been approved, the Contractor is additionally required to submit a monthly Subcontract Awards and Expenditures Report to the Contract Manager and the Purchasing Office Contract Compliance Manager no later than the tenth calendar day of each month.

7.22.2 Work performed for the Contractor by a Subcontractor shall be pursuant to a written contract between the Contractor and Subcontractor. The terms of the subcontract may not conflict with the terms of the Contract, and shall contain provisions that:

7.22.2.1 require that all deliverables to be provided by the Subcontractor be provided in strict accordance with the provisions, specifications and terms of the Contract.

7.22.2.2 prohibit the Subcontractor from further subcontracting any portion of the Contract without the prior written consent of the City and the Contractor. The City may require, as a condition to such further subcontracting, that the Subcontractor post a payment bond in form, substance and amount acceptable to the City;

7.22.2.3 require Subcontractors to submit all invoices and applications for payments, including any claims for additional payments, damages or otherwise, to the Contractor in sufficient time to enable the Contractor to include same with its invoice or application for payment to the City in accordance with the terms of the Contract;

7.22.2.4 require that all Subcontractors obtain and maintain, throughout the term of their contract, insurance in the type and amounts specified for the Contractor, with the City being a named insured as its interest shall appear; and

7.22.2.5 require that the Subcontractor indemnify and hold the City harmless to the same extent as the Contractor is required to indemnify the City.

7.22.3 The Contractor shall be fully responsible to the City for all acts and omissions of the Subcontractors just as the Contractor is responsible for the Contractor's own acts and omissions. Nothing in the Contract shall create for the benefit of any such Subcontractor any contractual relationship between the City and any such Subcontractor, nor shall it create any obligation on the part of the City to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys due any such Subcontractor except as may otherwise be required by law.

7.22.4 The Contractor shall pay each Subcontractor its appropriate share of payments made to the Contractor not later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of payment from the City.

7.23 **Jurisdiction And Venue.** The Contract is made under and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, including, when applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted in Texas, V.T.C.A., Bus. & Comm. Code, Chapter 1, excluding any rule or principle that would refer to and apply the substantive law of another state or jurisdiction. All issues arising from this Contract shall be resolved in the courts of Travis County, Texas and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of such courts. The foregoing, however, shall not be construed or interpreted to limit or restrict the right or ability of the City to seek and secure injunctive relief from any competent authority as contemplated herein.

7.24 **Invalidity.** The invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability of any provision of the Contract shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion or provision of the Contract. Any void provision shall be deemed severed from the Contract and the balance of the Contract shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular portion or provision held to be void. The parties further agree to reform the Contract to replace any stricken provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the intent of the stricken provision. The provisions of this section shall not prevent this entire Contract from being void should a provision which is the essence of the Contract be determined to be void.

7.25 **Holidays.** The following holidays are observed by the City:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Date Observed</u>
New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas Day	December 25

If a Legal Holiday falls on Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday. If a Legal Holiday falls on Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday.

7.26 **Survivability of Obligations.** All provisions of the Contract that impose continuing obligations on the parties, including but not limited to the warranty, indemnity, and confidentiality obligations of the parties, shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

7.27 **Non-Suspension or Debarment Certification.** The City of Austin is prohibited from contracting with or making prime or sub-awards to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred from Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts. By accepting a Contract with the City, the Vendor certifies that its firm and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred from doing business with the Federal Government, as indicated by the General Services Administration List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Non-Procurement Programs, the State of Texas, or the City of Austin.

7.28 **Incorporation of Documents.** Section 0100, **Standard Purchase Definitions**, is hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in full text. The full text versions of this Section are available, on the Internet at the following online address:
https://assets.austintexas.gov/purchase/downloads/standard_purchase_definitions.pdf

7.29 **Order of Precedence.** The Contract includes, without limitation, the Solicitation, the Offer submitted in response to the Solicitation, the Contract award, the Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions, Supplemental Terms and Conditions if any, Specifications, and any addenda and amendments thereto. Any inconsistency or conflict in the Contract documents shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order.

7.29.1 any exceptions to the Offer accepted in writing by the City;

7.29.2 the Supplemental Purchase Terms and Conditions;

7.29.3 the Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions;

7.29.4 the Offer and exhibits; within the Offer, drawings (figured dimensions shall govern over scaled dimensions) will take precedence over specifications or scope of work.

In witness whereof, the parties have caused duly authorized representatives to execute this Contract on the dates set forth below.

MARS Company

By: Julie Stewart
Signature

Name: Julie Stewart
Printed Name

Title: Director of Finance

Date: May 9, 2017

CITY OF AUSTIN

By: [Signature]
Signature

Name: Matthew Duree
Printed Name

Title: Procurement Supervisor

Date: 05/15/17

List of Exhibits

Exhibit A	MARS Company Proposal, Scope of Work, and Pricing Agreement dated
Exhibit B	Non Discrimination Certification, Section 0800

EXHIBIT A



March 24, 2017

Mr. Larry Darity
Austin Water Utility
2600 Webberville RD.
Austin TX 78702

Dear Mr. Darity:

As part of our continuing support of the Austin Water Utility's MARS Meter Test Equipment we are offering a Standard Service Contract for maintaining and repairing the MARS Test Equipment and training for any new personnel on the equipment that may be needed, on an annual basis, as well as, service upon request.

MARS Company offers a standard Service Contract for the Austin Water Utility's Meter Test Bench Equipment, as outlined at the end of this document, under the following terms and conditions.

1. **If applicable**, MARS Company will travel to the Austin Water Utility Meter Shop one time a year for annual maintenance of the MARS testing equipment, for a maximum stay of two days on site, to have the scales calibrated, make any needed repairs, install any software upgrades that MARS has done, make any adjustments on the valves etc., provide training and maintain the MARS Meter Test Equipment. If the tanks and scales are out of calibration MARS Company will, as part of the service contract, have the local WeighTronix Representative recalibrate the scales to maintenance tolerance within NIST Handbook 44 specifications or do any repairs **at no additional cost**.
2. The Austin Water Utility shall determine of the date of the annual maintenance visit date. Notice of the requested date shall be made to MARS no less than 30 days in advance of the desired date, and shall be in either writing or e-mail, addressed to Mr. Michael Mastic or Mr. Joseph Porterfield. Confirmation of the requested date from MARS shall be via U.S. mail or e-mail addressed to the Meter Shop Operations Unit Coordinator. The Austin Water Utility has the right to combine the annual maintenance visit with a repair service call.
3. The Austin Water Utility Meter Shop has the right to request service or repairs as needed as an additional service call and MARS will make an additional service call within 5 working days, based on parts availability (this will be charged at the rates described in item 4.) if the issues cannot be resolved over the phone or by e-mail. MARS Company will provide "best effort" to meet the five working day target.
4. Parts beyond warranty coverage are not included in the service contract, if any are required. All parts will be sold at a twenty percent (20%) discount and the customer will not be charged labor or shipping charges for installation under this contract. All parts are warranted for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of purchase. MARS will replace parts installed by MARS under this service contract which fail within the warranty period, at no additional cost to the Austin Water Utility.

5. If applicable, any software upgrades to the MARS M3 Meter Management Software version **installed as of the date of this Agreement** that MARS Company has done during the year to the MARS test system will automatically be included under this service contract (this does not include any custom software changes). If software upgrades are as simple as loading a disc containing the upgrade into the computer of each workstation, and restarting the computer, the Austin Water Utility will be responsible for performing those installations. More complex software upgrades are to be installed by MARS during the annual maintenance visit. This service contract covers maintenance of any custom software upgrade that MARS has done specifically for the Austin Water Utility during the year. (Please note that the currently installed M3 "Legacy" Software has an expiration date of December 31, 2016 for support.)
6. MARS Company will provide a minimum of two (2) hours of training for the Meter Shop Operations personnel during any service call. Training will be continuous and ongoing and MARS Company encourages the technicians to participate in all service calls to enhance their knowledge and familiarity with the test system.
7. This service contract includes MARS Company personnel providing the Austin Water Utility with assistance in resolving operational issues over the phone or by e-mail.
8. MARS Company requests one senior level management person to authorize all service calls in writing via U. S. mail or e-mail. Further, MARS Company will comply with the wishes of the Austin Water Utility to issue work authorizations by purchase order against an approved dollar value or any other systems better suited to the Austin Water Utility purchasing system.
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Mr. Darity, please review this information and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you may have at mikemastic@marswater.com or via my direct line at 352-414-7690.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

MARS Company



Michael L. Mastic
Director of Sales

Attachment

ACCEPTED BY:

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

EXHIBIT B
City of Austin, Texas
NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION CERTIFICATION

City of Austin, Texas
Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office

To: City of Austin, Texas,

I hereby certify that our firm complies with the Code of the City of Austin, Section 5-4-2 as reiterated below, and agrees:

- (1) Not to engage in any discriminatory employment practice defined in this chapter.
- (2) To take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without discrimination being practiced against them as defined in this chapter, including affirmative action relative to employment, promotion, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training or any other terms, conditions or privileges of employment.
- (3) To post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office setting forth the provisions of this chapter.
- (4) To state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex or age.
- (5) To obtain a written statement from any labor union or labor organization furnishing labor or service to Contractors in which said union or organization has agreed not to engage in any discriminatory employment practices as defined in this chapter and to take affirmative action to implement policies and provisions of this chapter.
- (6) To cooperate fully with City and the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office in connection with any investigation or conciliation effort of the Equal Employment/Fair Housing Office to ensure that the purpose of the provisions against discriminatory employment practices are being carried out.
- (7) To require of all subcontractors having 15 or more employees who hold any subcontract providing for the expenditure of \$2,000 or more in connection with any contract with the City subject to the terms of this chapter that they do not engage in any discriminatory employment practice as defined in this chapter

For the purposes of this Offer and any resulting Contract, Contractor adopts the provisions of the City's Minimum Standard Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Policy set forth below.

City of Austin
Minimum Standard Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation in Employment Policy

As an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer, the Contractor will conduct its personnel activities in accordance with established federal, state and local EEO laws and regulations.

The Contractor will not discriminate against any applicant or employee based on race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, veteran status, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation. This policy covers all aspects of employment, including hiring, placement, upgrading, transfer, demotion, recruitment, recruitment advertising, selection for training and apprenticeship, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and layoff or termination.

The Contractor agrees to prohibit retaliation, discharge or otherwise discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment who has inquired about, discussed or disclosed their compensation.

Further, employees who experience discrimination, sexual harassment, or another form of harassment should immediately report it to their supervisor. If this is not a suitable avenue for addressing their complaint, employees are advised to contact another member of management or their human resources representative. No employee shall be discriminated against, harassed, intimidated, nor suffer any reprisal as a result of reporting a violation of this policy. Furthermore, any employee, supervisor, or manager who becomes aware of any such discrimination or harassment should immediately report it to executive management or the human resources office to ensure that such conduct does not continue.

Contractor agrees that to the extent of any inconsistency, omission, or conflict with its current non-discrimination and non-retaliation employment policy, the Contractor has expressly adopted the provisions of the City's Minimum Non-Discrimination Policy contained in Section 5-4-2 of the City Code and set forth above, as the Contractor's Non-Discrimination Policy or as an amendment to such Policy and such provisions are intended to not only supplement the Contractor's policy, but will also supersede the Contractor's policy to the extent of any conflict.

UPON CONTRACT AWARD, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE THE CITY A COPY OF THE CONTRACTOR'S NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICIES ON COMPANY LETTERHEAD, WHICH CONFORMS IN FORM, SCOPE, AND CONTENT TO THE CITY'S MINIMUM NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICIES, AS SET FORTH HEREIN, OR THIS NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICY, WHICH HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR ALL PURPOSES WILL BE CONSIDERED THE CONTRACTOR'S NON-DISCRIMINATION AND NON-RETALIATION POLICY WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT OF A SEPARATE SUBMITTAL.

Sanctions:

Our firm understands that non-compliance with Chapter 5-4 and the City's Non-Retaliation Policy may result in sanctions, including termination of the contract and suspension or debarment from participation in future City contracts until deemed compliant with the requirements of Chapter 5-4 and the Non-Retaliation Policy.

Term:

The Contractor agrees that this Section 0800 Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Certificate of the Contractor's separate conforming policy, which the Contractor has executed and filed with the City, will remain in force and effect for one year from the date of filing. The Contractor further agrees that, in consideration of the receipt of continued Contract payment, the Contractor's Non-Discrimination and Non-Retaliation Policy will automatically renew from year-to-year for the term of the underlying Contract.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2017

CONTRACTOR
Authorized
Signature

Title

MARS Company
Julie Stewart
Director of Finance

ATTACHMENT D

City of Austin, Texas
Section 0805

NON-SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

The City of Austin is prohibited from contracting with or making prime or sub-awards to parties that are suspended or debarred or whose principals are suspended or debarred from Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts. Covered transactions include procurement contracts for goods or services equal to or in excess of \$25,000.00 and all non-procurement transactions. This certification is required for all Vendors on all City of Austin Contracts to be awarded and all contract extensions with values equal to or in excess of \$25,000.00 or more and all non-procurement transactions.

The Offeror hereby certifies that its firm and its principals are not currently suspended or debarred from bidding on any Federal, State, or City of Austin Contracts.

Contractor's Name:

MARS Company

Signature of Officer or
Authorized
Representative:

Julie Stewart

Date:

5/15/2017

Printed Name:

Julie Stewart

Title

Director of Finance



City of Austin FSD Purchasing Office

Certificate of Exemption

DATE: 11/21/2016

DEPT: AWU - Water Meter Operations

TO: Purchasing Officer or Designee

FROM: Pete Barbato

BUYER: Lupe Cruz

PHONE: (512) 972-2005

Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code requires that municipalities comply with the procedures established for competitive sealed bids or proposals before entering into a contract requiring an expenditure of \$50,000 or more, unless the expenditure falls within an exemption listed in Section 252.022.

Senate Bill 7 amended Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code to exempt from the requirements of such Chapter expenditures made by a municipally owned electric utility for any purchases made by the municipally owned electric utility in accordance with procurement procedures adopted by a resolution of its governing body that sets out the public purpose to be achieved by those procedures. The Austin City Council has adopted Resolution No. 040610-02 to establish circumstances which could give rise to a finding of critical business need for Austin Energy.

This Certification of Exemption is executed and filed with the Purchasing Office as follows:

1. The undersigned is authorized to submit this certification.
2. The undersigned certifies that the following exemption is applicable to this purchase. (Please check which exemption you are certifying)

- ☐ a procurement made because of a public calamity that requires the immediate appropriation of money to relieve the necessity of the municipality's residents or to preserve the property of the municipality
- ☐ a procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of municipality's residents
- ☐ a procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment, or other property
- ☐ a procurement for personal, professional, or planning services
- ☐ a procurement for work that is performed and paid for by the day as the work progresses
- ☐ a purchase of land or right-of-way
- ☒ a procurement of items available from only one source, including: items that are available from only one source because of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or natural monopolies; films, manuscripts, or books; gas, water, and other utility services; captive replacement parts or components for

- equipment; books, papers, and other library materials for a public library that are available only from the persons holding exclusive distribution rights to the materials; and management services provided by a nonprofit organization to a municipal museum, park, zoo, or other facility to which the organization has provided significant financial or other benefits
- ☐ a purchase of rare books, papers, and other library materials for a public library
- ☐ paving, drainage, street widening and other public improvements, or related matters, if at least one-third of the cost is to be paid by or through special assessments levied on property that will benefit from the improvements
- ☐ a public improvement project, already in progress, authorized by voters of the municipality, for which there is a deficiency of funds for completing the project in accordance with the plans and purposes as authorized by the voters

- ☐ a payment under a contract by which a developer participates in the construction of a public improvement as provided by Subchapter C, Chapter 212
- ☐ personal property sold: at an auction by a state licensed auctioneer; at a going out of business sale held in compliance with Subchapter F, Chapter 17, Business & Commerce Code; by a political subdivision of this state, a state agency of this state, or an entity of the federal government; or under an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing administered by a regional planning commission established under Chapter 391
- ☐ services performed by blind or severely disabled persons
- ☐ goods purchased by a municipality for subsequent retail sale by the municipality
- ☐ electricity
- ☐ advertising, other than legal notices
- ☐ Critical Business Need (Austin Energy Only)

3. The following facts as detailed below support an exemption according to Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code for this purchase. Please verify the steps taken to confirm these facts. If you are citing the following exemptions, please provide the additional information requested below. A more detailed explanation of these exemptions is attached.

- **Preserve and Protect the Public Health and Safety** – Describe how this purchase will preserve and protect the public safety of residents.
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- **Personal Services** – Describe those services to be performed personally by the individual contracted to perform them.
- **Professional Services** – Describe what mainly mental or intellectual rather than physical or manual and/or disciplines requiring special knowledge or attainment and a high order of learning, skill, and intelligence are required to perform this service.
- **Planning Services** – Describe the services primarily intended to guide governmental policy to ensure the orderly and coordinated development of the state or of municipal, county, metropolitan, or regional land areas.
- **Critical Business Need** – Describe the procurement necessary to protect the competitive interests or position of Austin Energy.



March 24, 2017

Mr. Larry Darity
Austin Water Utility
2600 Webberville RD.
Austin TX 78702

Dear Mr. Darity:

As part of our continuing support of the Austin Water Utility's MARS Meter Test Equipment we are offering a Standard Service Contract for maintaining and repairing the MARS Test Equipment and training for any new personnel on the equipment that may be needed, on an annual basis, as well as, service upon request.

MARS Company offers a standard Service Contract for the Austin Water Utility's Meter Test Bench Equipment, as outlined at the end of this document, under the following terms and conditions.

1. **If applicable**, MARS Company will travel to the Austin Water Utility Meter Shop one time a year for annual maintenance of the MARS testing equipment, for a maximum stay of two days on site, to have the scales calibrated, make any needed repairs, install any software upgrades that MARS has done, make any adjustments on the valves etc., provide training and maintain the MARS Meter Test Equipment. If the tanks and scales are out of calibration MARS Company will, as part of the service contract, have the local WeighTronix Representative recalibrate the scales to maintenance tolerance within NIST Handbook 44 specifications or do any repairs **at no additional cost**.
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5. If applicable, any software upgrades to the MARS M3 Meter Management Software version **installed as of the date of this Agreement** that MARS Company has done during the year to the MARS test system will automatically be included under this service contract (this does not include any custom software changes). If software upgrades are as simple as loading a disc containing the upgrade into the computer of each workstation, and restarting the computer, the Austin Water Utility will be responsible for performing those installations. More complex software upgrades are to be installed by MARS during the annual maintenance visit. This service contract covers maintenance of any custom software upgrade that MARS has done specifically for the Austin Water Utility during the year. (Please note that the currently installed M3 "Legacy" Software has an expiration date of December 31, 2016 for support.)
6. MARS Company will provide a minimum of two (2) hours of training for the Meter Shop Operations personnel during any service call. Training will be continuous and ongoing and MARS Company encourages the technicians to participate in all service calls to enhance their knowledge and familiarity with the test system.
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Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

MARS Company



Michael L. Mastic
Director of Sales

Attachment

ACCEPTED BY:

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date



December 15, 2016

Mr. Pete Barbato
Austin Water Utility
2600 Webberville RD.
Austin TX 78702

Dear Mr. Barbato:

Thank you for the interest in MARS Company product and services.

The spare parts pricing for the MARS Company Small Meter Test Benches (with suggested quantities) is below.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Part #</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extended Price</u>
1	Seal for 5/8" Coupling	434626WH	48	\$ 3.85	\$ 184.80
2	Seal for 1/2" Coupling	434626WH	48	\$ 3.85	\$ 184.80
3	Seal for 3/4" Coupling	434622WH	96	\$ 3.15	\$ 302.40
4	Seal for 1" Coupling	434612WH	40	\$ 3.15	\$ 126.00
5	Seal for 1.5" Coupling	434606WH	48	\$ 8.25	\$ 396.00
6	Meter Adapter Back Gasket	434646WH	96	\$ 2.49	\$ 239.04
7	O-Ring for 1.5-2" Drive Bar	434631WH	12	\$ 1.99	\$ 23.88
8	1/2" Solenoid Valve	434558WH	2	\$ 179.00	\$ 358.00
9	Warner Motion Actuator	434399WH	2	\$ 1,078.91	\$ 2,157.82
10	Safe Circuitry relay	4001036E	1	\$ 368.89	\$ 368.89
TOTAL					\$ 4,341.63

Please call me at (352) 414-7690 if you have any further questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

MARS Company

Michael L. Mastic
Director of Sales

PRF QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION (SS) DOCUMENTS ONLY:

A detailed explanation must be included in #5 of the Certificate of Exemption form answering the following questions.

- 1. Why is this procurement a sole source? Why is the vendor the only viable solution? Provide a detail, "tell the story".**
 - Austin Water uses Mars Company test benches to complete testing of water meters.
 - Mars Company is the only company who services and repairs Mars Company test benches.
 - Mars Company is the only company Austin Water can purchase replacement parts to my knowledge.
 - Mars will also certify our Ford test bench using Mars certified test meter that is calibrated to NIST standards.
- 2. Include a manufacturer letter stating the justification of the sole source on company letterhead for all soles sources. If a distributor, include a manufacturer letter on company letterhead.**
- 3. What analysis has been done to determine that this procurement is a sole source? (i.e. market research/knowledge, internet searches, evaluation of other companies, information from other municipalities, etc.)**
 - Discussions with Mars Company
 - Evaluation of other company services and upgrades.
 - Site visit and discussion with Cedar Park Water Utility as they have similar testing equipment.
 - Our current MARS benches affords the options to continue to upgrade our existing equipment to continue to meet industry standards.
- 4. Is this item available through any approved City of Austin cooperative? If so, which one? (TXMAS, US Communities, Buyboard, DIR, HGACBUY, NJPA, TCPN, TxSmartBuy) Link to complete list of City approved cooperatives: <http://purchaustintx.coacd.org/intranet/CoopPurch.cfm>**
 - Can only be Purchases through Mars Company.
- 5. Why is no other brand acceptable? Is there a concern regarding warranty, compatibility and/or safety/ health and public safety?**

Austin Water currently uses Mars Company test benches. It is a cost effective measure to maintain our existing test benches to meet industry standards while maximizing equipment life. Mars offers the option to upgrade existing equipment to maintain compatibility with various water meter manufactures.

FOR ALL PURCHASES (including SS requests):

1. If this is a repair and the equipment had to be disassembled at a repair shop, tell the story of what occurred; ie. cost for disassembly, estimate cost of repairs, was the vendor on a rotation list, was the vendor next in line for work. This type of purchase would not be a sole source. **N/A**
2. What is needing to be purchased? Explain in detail. This info needs to match the each line item on the PRF. **To extend maintenance and service agreement contract.**
3. Why is there a need to purchase this commodity/service? This is a sole source vendor for the Mars test equipment to certify their product.
4. Is this a replacement? If so, what it is replacing? **Contract extension.**
5. Where will it be used and for what purpose? **Annual calibration and certification of testing equipment located at 2600 Webberville Meter Shop.**
6. Is it critical for AWU operations? If so, please explain. **It is critical that our testing equipment is maintained and calibrated annually. The City is required to be able to provide supporting documentation of our meter testing results that can often be used in billing dispute or court hearings. We have to be able to maintain a reliable standard that can be measured against an industry recognized standard.**
7. Could the AWU do without it? If not, why not? **No. This equipment is critical on measuring and testing the reliability of City of Austin water meters.**
8. Can the old equipment be repaired? If not, why not? **Contract extension.**
9. How frequent is the usage to merit this purchase? **Annually**
10. How did we operate before this purchase? **This is the same contract we had previously.**
11. Is this a new process requiring new equipment? If so, please explain. **No. Same.**

4. Please attach any documentation that supports this exemption.
5. Please provide any evaluation conducted to support the recommendation. Include the efforts taken to ensure the selected vendor is responsible and will provide the best value to the City (Ex: evaluation of other firms, knowledge of market, etc).

The vendor provides reliable annual calibrations that meet nationally recognized industry standards. They also provide valuable certification for our employees that use the testing equipment. These two certifications are invaluable when supporting water meter test results.

6. Because the above facts and documentation support the requested exemption, the City of Austin intends to contract with Mars Company which will cost approximately \$ 61,250.00 (Provide estimate and/or breakdown of cost).

Recommended
Certification

P. B. B. B. 11/21/16
Originator Date

Approved
Certification

D. M. 1/19/2017
Department Director or designee Date

M. C. 1/24/17
Assistant City Manager / General Manager Date
or designee (if applicable)

Purchasing Review
(if applicable)

R. V. 5-18-17
Buyer Date Manager Initials

Exemption Authorized
(if applicable)

Purchasing Officer or designee Date

02/26/2013



March 24, 2017

Mr. Larry Darity
Austin Water Utility
2600 Webberville RD.
Austin TX 78702

Dear Mr. Darity:

MARS Company is the only manufacturer who produces computer driven high-speed water meter test equipment and turnkey installation packages in the United States. We are also the only producer of computer software designed to meet the meter testing needs of the modern Utility. This software can be used in a meter shop, a mobile meter test van or in conjunction with a truck-mounted test system. With other MARS Company products, we operate through several major Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives in various locations in the U.S. and Canada.

However, with the meter test equipment used in a meter shop, a mobile meter test van or with a truck-mounted test system, MARS Company **operates direct with the Utility and, due to the technical nature of this product, is the only authorized representative to provide service, maintenance and technical support.**

As the sole source, MARS Company provides the on-going service and technical support for the M3 Meter Management System Software and for the MARS-designed Water Meter Test Bench Systems.

MARS Company, as a part of our normal service and maintenance practice, is the only organization to test and certify non-MARS test bench systems to the same standards.

Please call me at (352) 414-7690 if you have any further questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

MARS Company

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Mastic", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Michael L. Mastic
Director of Sales

CC: Mr. Dave Corey – CEO, MARS Company