

## AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

## AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: 040

## Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Thatcher Company, Inc., to provide powdered activated carbon, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. (Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. There were no subcontracting opportunities for the goods required for this solicitation; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

<b>Lead Department</b>	Purchasing Office.
<b>Fiscal Note</b>	Funding in the amount of \$50,000 available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
<b>Purchasing Language</b>	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 GLB1001 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on March 26, 2018 and closed on April 12, 2018. Of the five offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124789">Solicitation Documents &lt;https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124789&gt;</a> .
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<b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action</b>	July 11, 2018 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Chair Moriarty and Commissioners Turrieta, Michel, and Schmitt absent.
<b>Client Department(s)</b>	Austin Water.

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#### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide powdered activated carbon for use at Austin Water's treatment facilities. Powdered activated carbon is a water treatment chemical approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The activated carbon is added to remove contaminants and undesirable taste and odor-causing compounds from the raw water to ensure high-quality drinking water for public consumption.

The current contract will expire September 7, 2018. The requested authorization amount for the contract was determined using departmental estimates and historical spending, factoring in the increasing needs for water treatment. Since Fiscal Year 2014, there has been a 10% increase in the amount of water treated and the demand is expected to continue increasing as Austin grows