



## Water & Wastewater Commission Review and Recommendation

Commission Meeting Date:	April 7, 2021	COA Strategic Direction:	Government That Works for All
Council Meeting Date:	May 6, 2021		
Department:	Purchasing		
Client:	Rick Coronado		
Agenda Item			
Recommend approval to award three multi-term contracts to provide brass fittings, with Act Pipe & Supply, Inc.; Core & Main LP; and Techline Pipe LP; each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$1,650,000, divided among the contractors.			
Amount and Source of Funding			
Funding in the amount of \$137,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.			
Purchasing Language:	The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2200 PAT1040 for these goods. The solicitation issued on November 23, 2020 and it closed on January 7, 2021. Of the four offers received, the recommended contractors submitted the lowest responsive offers. 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="#">Solicitation Documents</a> .		
Prior Council Action:	N/A		
Boards and Commission Action:	April 7, 2021 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.		
MBE/WBE:	This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.		

These contracts will provide for the supply of brass pipe and brass coupling fittings utilized by the City for installation and repair services. The contracts will enable service crews to connect new customer accounts and repair existing customer water line breaks. Brass fittings are designed to withstand high temperatures and are the best fitting material for distributing water and providing exceptional conductivity to improve the efficiency of the distribution system.

The current contracts for these goods expire on April 10, 2021 and August 3, 2021. One of the recommended contractors is the current provider for these goods. Authorization amounts are based on historical spending and forecasted needs.

Failure to have these fittings on hand and immediately available for repairs will have a negative impact on operations and service to the public.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 660,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 330,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 330,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 330,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$1,650,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a) Solicitations: 402 notices were sent, including 20 MBE and 13 WBE firms with no M/WBE firms responding.
- b) Cost Analysis: The proposed contract pricing is consistent with a 6.08% decrease represented in the market.