



**Purchasing Supply Agreement  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/25/2004  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with US FILTER/DAVIS PRODUCTS, Sarasota, FL for the purchase of bioxide salt for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$218,750, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$218,750 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$656,250.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$109,375 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining six months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**  
**DEPARTMENT:**for Austin Water Utility; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Sole Source

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established.

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This contract establishes an annual supply agreement for an estimated 125,000 gallons of bioxide salt for the Austin Water Utility. Bioxide salt is used to control sewer odor and corrosion problems in sewer lines that have been investigated and identified as potentially hazardous to the integrity of the wastewater system and to the health and safety of workers due to the high level of sulfide found.

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

US Filter/Davis Products holds the patent for bioxide. The unit price of \$1.75 per/gallon for this product has remained firm over the past six years.