

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: August 9, 2018

Item Number: **038**

Purchasing Office

Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with Praxair Distribution Inc., to provide liquid carbon dioxide, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. (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).

Lead Department	Purchasing Office.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$58,333 available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 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 GLB1004 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 9, 2018 and closed on April 26, 2018. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the only 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: Solicitation Documents <https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=124788> .
For More Information	Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov <mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov> NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	July 11, 2018 - Approved by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Chair Moriarty and Commissioner Turrieta, Michel, and Schmitt absent.
Client Department(s)	Austin Water.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide liquid carbon dioxide to be used at Austin Water's treatment facilities. Liquid carbon dioxide is a safe, effective, and economical method of controlling pH levels in the municipal drinking water. It is used for re-carbonation and pH adjustments. Distributing the water without adjusting the pH would negatively impact the distribution system.

This contract will replace the current contract which expires on October 30, 2018. The requested authorization amount for the contract was determined using departmental estimates and historical spending, factoring in increased needs for water treatment. The average annual usage of liquid carbon dioxide has increased six percent since 2014.

Contract Detail:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$ 700,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 350,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$1,750,000

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