



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2889, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

10/3/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with HACH Company, to provide specialized water quality testing equipment, reagents, probes, and kits, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Water. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 11, 2019 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioner Ho off the dais and Commissioner Schmitt absent.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide for parts, reagents, probes, and lab supplies that are specific and proprietary to the HACH instruments used at water and wastewater treatment plants, in addition to Laboratory, Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Divisions of Austin Water. The supplies are used in field process analysis, on-line analyzers, and benchtop lab meters for water quality compliance and process control monitoring. These analyses are required by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and may be performed hourly, daily, weekly, and/or monthly to ensure compliance.

HACH Company is the manufacturer and sole authorized distributor of these parts, reagents, probes, and lab supplies which are required to be used with this lab equipment to protect the warranty and ensure accurate results.

The contract will replace a contract which expires November 7, 2019. The requested authorization amount was

determined using departmental estimates and historical spending.