



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1961, **Agenda Item #:** 11.

6/4/2020

Posting Language

Authorize award of two multi-term contracts with Badger Meter, Inc. D/B/A National Meter & Automation and Thirkettle Corporation D/B/A Aqua-Metric Sales Company, to provide water meters, each for up to five years for total contract amounts not to exceed \$5,955,000, divided between the contractors.

(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. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$496,250 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 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 OXV1026REBID for these goods. The solicitation issued on February 3, 2020 and it closed on February 20, 2020. Of the three 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: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134125)
<https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134125>.

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 Contact Persons: Osiris Valdez, at 512-974-2965 or Osiris.Valdez@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Osiris.Valdez@austintexas.gov>> or Bianca Ontiveros, at 512-974-2939 or Bianca.Ontiveros@austintexas.gov <<mailto:Bianca.Ontiveros@austintexas.gov>>.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 6, 2020 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Fisher and Williams absent.

Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide various types and sizes of water meters for Austin Water to be installed throughout the water distribution system at new connections and to replace broken or obsolete meters. These water meters supply data to establish revenue billing for the City.

These water meters will be purchased on an as needed basis and stocked at Austin Water's Webberville Center and Glen Bell Service Center Storeroom to ensure an adequate supply are available.

The positive displacement meters under these contracts are intended to ensure an ongoing supply of those types of meters for new installations and repairs until Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) meters can take their place in the supply chain. The turbine and compound meters address meter types and sizes not covered under the AMI contract. They are AMI compatible and will become part of the AMI system when it is activated. The hydrant meters are not intended to be part of the AMI system, and these contracts simply replace that expiring contract for those specialized metering needs.

These contracts will replace the current contract which expired on May 30, 2020. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend. Badger Meter, Inc. is one of the current providers for these goods.

Contract Detail:

| Contract Term | Length of Term | Contract Authorization |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Initial Term | 2 yrs. | \$2,382,000 |
| Optional Extension 1 | 1 yr. | \$1,191,000 |
| Optional Extension 2 | 1 yr. | \$1,191,000 |
| Optional Extension 3 | 1 yr. | \$1,191,000 |
| TOTAL | 5 yrs. | \$5,955,000 |

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.