



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1406, Agenda Item #: 24.

3/24/2022

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Eurofins Abraxis, Inc. to provide consumable test kits for water monitoring analysis, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

(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

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$67,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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:

March 9, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Turrieta off the dais and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract will provide consumable test kits to complete tests to monitor raw source waters and treated drinking water for cyanotoxins on a weekly basis or more frequently as necessary. The monitoring of cyanotoxins is expanding to meet growing public health concerns as the toxins have been detected more frequently in local watersheds.

Eurofins Abraxis, Inc. is the sole worldwide manufacturer and North American distributor of the consumable test kits that are used with the test instrument. The test instrument is programmed to run only the propriety test kits from Eurofins Abraxis, Inc. Authorization amounts for this contract are based upon departmental estimates of anticipated future testing and analysis.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.