



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1724, Agenda Item #: 9.

5/5/2022

Posting Language

Authorize an amendment to a contract with Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. for continued utility location services, to increase the amount by \$850,000 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

(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, Austin Transportation Department, Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$91,667 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of various City departments. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Contract Amendment.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 13, 2022 - Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner Fisher absent and one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract with Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. is required by the state of Texas Utilities Code, Title 5, Chapter 251 and requires the City contact Texas Excavation Safety System Inc. before digging can start in order to locate and mark pipe locations in right of ways for entities that will be excavated.

The increase in usage is due to surges in average monthly tickets and annual cost per ticket increases. Additionally, with the increased construction within the growing city, and switching water meters from the standard meters to the new water meters, usage will continue to increase every year. This proposed amendment seeks to discontinue using the City Manager's authority going forward and authorize the remaining term(s) of this contract under Council authority.

The proposed amendment takes into consideration the ticket cost increase, the increase in number of tickets submitted, additional projects, and a small buffer for unexpected events. The contract increase will ensure the

City maintains requirements set forth in Texas Utilities Code, Title 5, Chapter 251.

Contract Detail:

<u>Contract Term</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Current Contract Authorization</u>	<u>Requested Additional Authorization</u>	<u>Revised Total Authorization</u>
Initial Term	5 yrs.	\$300,000		\$ 300,000
Proposed Amendment			\$850,000	\$ 850,000
TOTAL	5 yrs.	\$300,000	\$850,000	\$1,150,000

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

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.