



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-2361, **Agenda Item #:** 30.

7/28/2022

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a contract with GC3 Specialty Chemicals Inc. to provide 19% aqueous ammonia for Sand Hill Energy Center, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.

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

### **Lead Department**

Financial Services Department.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$45,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 PMC1002 for these goods. The solicitation was issued April 18, 2022 and closed on May 10, 2022. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest 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. [Solicitation Documents](#)

[https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=135719](https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=135719).

### **For More Information:**

Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

July 18, 2022 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide bulk aqueous ammonia for Sand Hill Energy Center on an as-needed basis. Aqueous ammonia is used to reduce nitrous oxide emissions by converting it to nitrogen and water. Aqueous ammonia is required for the catalytic reduction systems to operate properly.

Without this contract, Austin Energy will not be able to meet federal and state air permit requirements.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.