

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 60NEW GCMS - AGILIENT TECHNOLOGIES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of Sole Source Agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc. for the Purchase of a Gas Chromatograph Software and Services for the Water Department in an Annual Amount Up to \$178,539.40

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of sole source agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of Gas Chromatograph Software and Services for the Water Department in an annual amount up to \$178,539.40.

DISCUSSION:

The Water Department Laboratory Division will use this agreement for the one-time purchase of a Gas Chromatograph with software and services (GCMS), on-site consulting and technical support.

The GCMS is used to determine volatile organic compounds in wastewater and storm water for the City's Pre-Treatment Service Division. Because of this important function, the purchase of this products helps preserve and protect the public health and safety of City of Fort Worth residents. This instrument performs analysis that are linked to permits, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulatory requirements, and other various water monitoring projects.

Agilent Technologies is the sole source manufacturer of the GCMS, its hardware, software, parts, training, technical support and at-your-site service and support procedures. The City Attorney's Office approved a Chapter 252 exemption request related to this purchase and therefore it is exempt from competitive bidding.

Funding is budgeted in the W&S Capital Projects Fund for the Water Department for the purpose of funding the Sewer FY23 Non-Fleet Eqmt project, as appropriated.

DVIN-BE: This project was approved for a waiver per the Chapter 252 exemption, as a sole source by the Legal Department. Therefore, the business equity goal requirement is not applicable.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

This project is located in ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the W&S Capital Projects Fund for the Sewer FY23 Non-Fleet Eqmt project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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