

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: October 14, 2009

Board Item: V-A-4

Authorization of Additional Funds for PolyDADMAC Polymer

Action by Consent

Action

Information

PolyDADMAC polymer is used to supplement liquid alum in the coagulation process. With the addition of polyDADMAC polymer, alum and caustic soda usage has dropped and the production of sludge has been reduced.

On November 14, 2007 Denver Water entered into Contract No. 11277A with Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation to provide polyDADMAC polymer for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009, for a contract amount of \$833,000.00, with pricing firm for the first year. There was a twenty-one percent price increase for the second year, with the increased price still less than the next lowest bid. Also, the quantity of polyDADMAC required over the two-year period is slightly more than estimated. Expenditures to-date are \$847,718.40. Due to the price increase and the need for more polyDADMAC than originally anticipated, the current contract amount will be exceeded by not more than \$162,000.00. This item will be put out to bid for the contract period beginning January 1, 2010.

Funds are included in the 2009 Budget for this expenditure (MPC's 4DB0002, 4DB0003, 4DB0004). It is anticipated that approval of the additional amount will not exceed the 2009 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

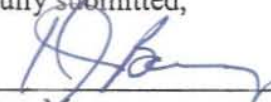
It is recommended the Board approve an amendment to Contract No. 11277A with Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation to provide additional polyDADMAC polymer, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$995,000.00.

Approvals:

Respectfully submitted,



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