

**City Council  
Agenda Memo**



**TO: David Vela, Interim City Manager**

**City Council  
Meeting Date: Dec 18, 2014**

**FROM: Rodney Taylor, Assistant Director of Water Utilities**

**SUBJECT: Award Bid for Purchase of Bulk Liquid Aluminum Sulfate for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The City of Abilene Water Department is requesting the City Council to award a bid to Chameleon Industries Inc. of Mesquite, TX for purchase of bulk Liquid Aluminum Sulfate 48% solution (Alum). Alum is used in water and wastewater treatment processes.

On September 25, 2014 the Abilene City Council authorized by oral resolution the award of bids for the purchase of bulk chemicals to be used in the water and wastewater treatment processes. Notices were published in the Abilene Reporter News on August 24 and August 31, and the bid opening date was September 9, 2014. A total of fifteen separate chemicals were included in that bid packet. TapWater Technologies of Abilene TX was the second lowest responsible bidder for Alum and was awarded the bid based on a 5% local preference. On December 9, 2014 the Water Department received written notice from TapWater Technologies that it was closing its business effective December 5, 2014 and it would not be able to fulfill the remainder of its annual contract with the City of Abilene.

Chameleon Technologies Inc. (Chameleon) was the actual low bidder for Alum. City staff verified with Chameleon that it does agree to honor its original bid price and it would contract with the City of Abilene to supply Bulk Alum for the remainder of FY 2015. The value of the contract with Chameleon is estimated to be approximately \$250,000.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the purchase of bulk chemicals come from the operating budgets of the Water Utilities Department.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council award the bulk chemical supply contract for Alum to Chameleon as described above and recommended by staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Bid Tab Sheet for Bid No. CB-1443 (September 9, 2014)

Prepared by: Name__Rodney Taylor_____ Title__Asst. Water Director_____	Item No. <u>6.3</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved    Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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**CITY OF ABILENE  
PURCHASING DIVISION  
TABULATION OF BIDS**

DEPARTMENT: WATER  
 BID NO.: CB-1443  
 TIME OF OPENING: 11:00 A.M.  
 DATE OF OPENING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

VENDOR / ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM 1. LIQUID CHLORINE	ITEM 2. FERROUS CHLORIDE	ITEM 3. DRY POLYMER	ITEM 4. FERRIC SULFATE	ITEM 5. SODIUM CHLORITE	ITEM 6. FLUORO-SILICIC ACID	ITEM 7. BLEACH, MINI-BULK	ITEM 8. SODIUM PERMANGANATE	ITEM 9. ALUM	ITEM 10. LAS	ITEM 11. CAUSTIC	ITEM 12. CITRIC ACID	ITEM 13. BLEACH, BULK	ITEM 14. SODIUM BISULFITE	ITEM 15. LIQUID OXYGEN
ALTIVIA HOUSTON, TX				480.00											
SNF POLYDYNE RICEBORO, GA			*3,580.00												
SOUTHERN IONICS INC WEST POINT, MS														636.00	
KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS LAWRENCE, KS		*777.00													
PENNCO, INC. SAN FELIPE, TX		834.00		411.75		*2,118.00									
BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC. HOUSTON, TX								*10.79	401.21	499.50	532.00		0.88		
CHEMTRADE PARSIPPANY, NJ				*318.00					265.00	595.00	567.95				
INTERNATIONAL DIOXIDE, INC. NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI					3,395.50										
KEY CHEMICAL INC. WAXHAW, NC						2,480.06									
GEO SPECIALTY CHEMICALS LITTLE ROCK, AR									324.79						
HYDRO PLUS, LTD ABILENE, TX							2.25			*475.00		*0.79			
EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES LLC SARASOTA, FL					*3,366.16										
HARCROS DALLAS, TX						2,812.50									
NALCO NAPERVILLE, IL			4,140.00												
DIMMITT PORTALES, NM														*495.25	
K.A. STEEL CHEMICALS INC. DOWNERS GROVE, IL											*501.00				
CHAMELEON INDUSTRIES, INC MESQUITE, TX									213.40	510.00					
TAPWATER TECHNOLOGIES ABILENE, TX							*2.20		**218.40	499.00		0.96			
AIRGAS SOUTHWEST ABILENE, TX															*0.0059
DPC INDUSTRIES, INC. SWEETWATER, TX	*594.00										516.00		*0.78		

\*Recommended Award

\*\*Recommended Award – 5% local preference