



Purchase Contracts for Laboratory Services to Support Water and Wastewater Treatment Operations

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Laboratory Purchase Contracts

- **On July 30, 2018, Board of Directors ratified existing laboratory contract providing support services to wastewater treatment operations.**
- **In February 2019, contract executed providing support services for industrial pretreatment program related to City of Temple contract**
- **Procurement is in progress for a similar laboratory contract to support water treatment operations**
- **Laboratory Contracts to support water and wastewater operations are by sample type and quantity**
- **Usually written for one year with four one-year options**
- **Estimating sampling volume over a five year period is difficult**



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- **Five-year contracts accomplish two goals:**
 - **Achieve best price for customers over long period**
 - **Make it easier to educate and manage vendors**
- **Current BRA Operations Policy Manual (Section 2.01) requires board approval on any contract that may expend more than \$500,000 under the life of the contract.**
- **Requesting specific grant of authority for the GM/CEO to execute multi-year contracts exceeding \$500,000 for laboratory services to support water and wastewater treatment operations, and related industrial pretreatment program sampling, at applicable facilities**
- **Expenditures may not exceed the established annual budgetary limitations set forth by the Board of Directors for these commodity items.**



“BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Brazos River Authority hereby authorizes the General Manager/CEO to enter into contracts for purchases of laboratory services, in amounts exceeding the \$500,000 limitation established in Section 2.01 of the Brazos River Authority Operations Policies Manual, to the extent that the contracts and annual expenditures are within the approved annual budgetary expenditures authorized for these items by the Board of Directors.”



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