



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/13/2026

Utilities Water Meter Test Equipment – Mars Company (RFP 25-151)

Department:	Utilities
Presenter:	Wes Byne, Director
Caption:	Request to approve recommendation of award and Augusta Utilities Contract for Water Meter Test Equipment to Mars Company (RFP 26-151). One-time purchase to include an annual software and maintenance proposal for a total of five years. One time purchase is in the amount of \$458,901.00.
Background:	AUD uses water meters in order to accurately measure the amount of water used by customers across Augusta-Richmond County for a number of reasons. These include regulatory compliance, system health information, and accurate billing of water usage. To ensure that our meters are accurate we use a water meter test bench to periodically test meters and ensure they are still compliant with accuracy requirements as set forth by the American Water Works Association.
Analysis:	AUD has evaluated the proposals for a water meter test bench that will enable us to most effectively meet our requirements. This new test bench is designed to test the ultrasonic water meters that AUD is using moving forward, and comes with factory certification for accuracy of testing and annual certification of the same moving forward as well as training for employees who will test water meters.
Financial Impact:	The cost of this equipment for the first year, including all hardware and installation at the AUD metering office is \$458,901, with annual maintenance costs beginning in 2027 of \$77,065 with a 3.5% annual increase through 2030.
Alternatives:	N/A
Recommendation:	Approve Augusta agreement with MARS Company for water meter test equipment.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	GL 516043410-5421110 / JL 82500010-5421110
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED</u>	N/A
<u>BY:</u>	