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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 08/04/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 5B1**

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**ACTION:** Approve the utilization of eleven-month NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization contracts with Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, and VWR International, Inc. for the purchase of laboratory supplies and equipment.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The total combined cost of these contracts will not exceed \$400,000 for the eleven-month contract term. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Water/Wastewater Fund cost centers - 3013 (Johnny G. Martinez Water Plant), 3014 (South Tempe Water Plant), and 3041 (Environmental Laboratory) for the anticipated expenditures during the current fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the utilization of the contracts.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** (ADSP016-135417/137080) The NASPO ValuePoint Cooperative Purchasing Organization (formerly WSCA-NASPO) meets the City's highest standard for public cooperative contracting. By leveraging the leadership and expertise of all states with the purchasing power of their public entities, NASPO ValuePoint delivers best value, reliable, and competitively sourced contracts. NASPO ValuePoint is a unified, nationally focused cooperative aggregating the demand of all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the organized US territories, their political subdivisions and other eligible entities spurring best value, innovation and competition in the marketplace. The contracts contain cooperative language allowing use by other government agencies.

The Water Utilities laboratory will utilize the contracts to purchase laboratory supplies and equipment used for the testing of stormwater, drinking water and wastewater to comply with Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, the Safe Drinking Water Act and other State and Federal laws and regulations.

The City's laboratory is located at the South Tempe Water Treatment Plant. Water Utilities staff collects non-compliance and compliance samples and the laboratory analyzes approximately 95% of tests internally. The remaining tests are performed by the City's contract laboratories due to highly specialized equipment needs.

**Pricing**

NASPO ValuePoint utilized a competitive bid process that established discounts from list pricing. Supplies and equipment discounts range from 1% to 90.7% off manufacturer list pricing.

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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