

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	26406	Agenda Number	42.
Meeting Date:	August 29, 2013			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., for the purchase of 15kV circuit breakers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$327,085.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.			
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II /322-6060			
Boards and Commission Action:	August 19, 2013 - Unanimously approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a 5-0 vote.			
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Additional Backup Information				

The contract with Power Supply Inc., Austin, TX, is for the one-time purchase of nineteen 15kV circuit breakers for Austin Energy. These circuit breakers will be used to replace older breakers that are showing signs of age and are requiring increasing maintenance. The new breakers utilize updated technology in the mechanisms and are designed to reduce maintenance and double the life of the switchgear. During a fault occurrence, circuit breakers are vital protective devices used to control circuits. Therefore, these circuit breakers are a critical element of the distribution circuits and affect overall electric reliability.

ABB Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) of the breakers being purchased and Power Supply Inc. is the only authorized distributor and representative for ABB Inc. breakers to the City. Only ABB Inc. breakers can be used as a direct replacement of existing units, meaning the equipment will fit mechanically and electrically in the switchgear without requiring additional design or construction. Therefore, Power Supply Inc. is the sole source provider of these products.