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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	31907	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	April 10, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for the switchgear at Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$196,450.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Martha L. Williams, Senior Buyer/512-322-6583
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Boards and Commission Action:	March 17, 2014 - Approved by the Electric Utility Commission on a vote of 7-0.
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Related Items:	
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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 solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of five 15kV generator circuit breakers for use at Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center. Circuit breakers are required to provide protection of substation equipment and transmission lines from damage caused by excessive electrical currents. Existing circuit breakers are being replaced with these, more reliable and updated breakers to allow safe, reliable flow of power from Sand Hill to the electrical distribution system.

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 of Austin. Only ABB Inc. breakers are a direct replacement of the existing units, meaning they will mechanically or electrically work in the switchgear cubicle without additional design or construction. Therefore, Power Supply Inc. is the sole source provider of these products.