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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

40195

Agenda Number

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Meeting Date:

February 12, 2015

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC. for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$118,055.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is required.

Purchasing Language:

Sole Source.

Prior Council Action:



For More Information:

Nicole Turner, Senior Buyer, 512-322-6586

Boards and Commission Action:

January 26, 2015 - To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission.

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 solicitation.

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of four 15kV replacement generator and transformer breakers for use at Austin Energy's Sand Hill Energy Center. Circuit breakers are required to provide the necessary switching and protection of substation equipment and transmission lines from damage caused by excessive electrical currents. The existing circuit breakers are being replaced with these more reliable and updated breakers. Without these breakers, the power generated by the units cannot flow from the generator to the electrical distribution system.

ABB Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer of these breakers and Power Supply Inc. is the only authorized distributor and representative for ABB Inc. breakers to the City. In addition, only ABB Inc. breakers are matched to the switchgear cubicle without requiring additional design or construction.