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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	47633	Agenda Number	31.
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Meeting Date:	August 6, 2015
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-month contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., for the purchase of transformer bushings, in an amount not to exceed \$436,125, with four 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$436,125 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,180,625.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$72,688 is available in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 10-months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Darralyn N. Johnson, Buyer II, 512-505-7293
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Boards and Commission Action:	July 20, 2015 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 11-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded as a sole source and is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.
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Additional Backup Information

The contract will provide Austin Energy with new bushings for transformers installed in 74 substations throughout its 437 square mile service territory. The new bushings will replace the existing bushings that fail periodic maintenance testing. Substation transformers are essential components in electrical systems that provide power to customers.

Austin Energy standardized many of the parts needed to achieve optimum operation of equipment including bushings manufactured by ABB, Inc. Since 2000, Austin Energy has purchased approximately 80 transformers equipped with ABB bushings and Power Supply, Inc. is the only authorized distributor of ABB brand products.