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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

56099

Agenda Number

11.

Meeting Date:

April 7, 2016

Department:

Purchasing

Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY, INC., for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for the switchgear at Mueller Energy Center, in an amount not to exceed \$110,530.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing
Language:

Sole Source

Prior Council
Action:For More
Information:

Maria Andrade, Buyer II, 512-972-9424

Boards and
Commission
Action:

March 21, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 10-0-1 vote with Commissioner Norris absent.

Related Items:

MBE / WBE:

This contract is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of seven 15kV circuit breakers for use at Austin Energy's Mueller 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 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 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 are a direct replacement of the existing units, i.e., they will fit mechanically and electrically in the current switchgear cubicle without requiring costly redesign or construction.