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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 18

**Subject** Authorize award and execution of a contract with TURBINE AIR SYSTEMS. Houston TX for the supply and installation of a water chiller plant at the Robert Mueller Energy Center in an amount not to exceed \$2,772,180.

**Amount and Source of Funding** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006 2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy

Fiscal Note A fiscal note is attached

## Additional Backup Material

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D Fiscal Note

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Purchasing Language Sole Source

MBE/WBE This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2 9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified therefore no goals were established for this solicitation

This contract is for the purchase and installation of a 2500 ton electrical centrifugal packaged chiller plant for Austin Energy's Robert Mueller Energy Center as part of the Phase II Expansion. The packaged chiller plant will provide a critical redundant cooled water source needed to meet the chilled water source demand on the district cooling system. Including the Dell Children's Hospital.

This is a sole source procurement since Turbine Air Systems is the only provider of chiller equipment with identical software and hardware as the existing chiller equipment. It is mandatory that the switchgear and other related parts for the new packaged chiller system be interchangeable and completely compatible with the existing chiller system.