

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

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**Subject:** Approve ratification of a contract with TECHLINE INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of 35kV, 500 MCM 3 conductor cable for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$158,400.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Energy Department.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Gabriel Guerrero, Buyer II/322-6060

**Purchasing Language:** Critical Business Need.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract was 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.

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The contract is for the purchase of 7,200 linear feet of 35kV, 500 MCM 3 conductor cable. This cable is used to connect several switchgears inside a substation in order to have multiple 35kV circuits feeding the primary side of the downtown network area. This enables Austin Energy to isolate any outage that may occur without affecting electric service in the downtown network.

A purchase order was issued on September 14, 2007. This purchase was a Critical Business Need, approved by Juan Garza, General Manager of Austin Energy, that was necessary to enable the timely completion of the switchgear replacement project. The Seaholm Substation Project is an Electric Service Delivery critical improvement project that will enhance the reliability of the feeds in the downtown network area served by Seaholm Substation.