

AGENDA



Thursday, March 20, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 24**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of power transformer bushings in an amount not to exceed \$68,958.

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

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: 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.

The contract is for the purchase of nine power transformer bushings that will be used to replenish inventory at Austin Energy's (AE) Kramer Lane warehouse. Bushings are a critical component of AE's substation class power transformers by providing the interface between the high-voltage transmission lines and the transformers. Bushings normally last 20 years, but may be damaged by lightning and/or animals, requiring immediate replacement.

ABB Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer of the bushings being purchased and Power Supply Inc. is the authorized distributor and representative for ABB bushings to the City of Austin. Only ABB bushings are used throughout the AE system for this type of application.