

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 39**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC., Austin, TX, for the purchase of extended power transformer bushings in an amount not to exceed \$57,555.

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

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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 extended power transformer bushings and nine bushing extension adaptors that will be used at the Williamson relay upgrades circuit switcher addition. Bushings are a critical component of Austin Energy's (AE) substation class power transformers by providing the interface between the high-voltage transmission lines and the transformers. The adaptors are required to extend the inner lead of the bushing to accommodate for the extra length of the extended power transformer bushing.

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