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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	12773	Agenda Number	21.
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Meeting Date:	March 1, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) with HILL COUNTRY ELECTRIC SUPPLY for the purchase of 15kv/480v distribution transformers and breakers for the Austin Water Utility to be installed at the South Austin Regional Plant Secondary Sludge Building A, in an amount not to exceed \$55,824.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility Department

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Cruz Banda, Buyer II, 974-2133
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is 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 contract.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract with Hill Country Electric Supply, Austin, TX is for the purchase of two 15kv/480v distribution transformers and two 600 amp breakers retrofitted for the 480 v secondary for the Austin Water Utility, South Austin Regional (SAR) Secondary Sludge Building A, it is the primary source for the equipment. This equipment is the electrical distribution equipment for the SAR facility. The current equipment can not be repaired due to structure deterioration and is being replaced with a stainless steel structure rated for the environment. The equipment must be this specific Square D branded unit only due to the physical footprint of the unit to accommodate the conduits that currently enter from below. The loss of electrical distribution to any area at SAR facility including the Secondary Sludge Building affects the TCEQ Permit and the environment would be impacted potentially polluting the Colorado River.

Hill Country Electric is under contract through TXMAS to provide this equipment to other public entities state-wide. This cooperative purchasing program is coordinated by the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts and allows the City to use TXMAS contracts that have been developed through competitive bids and awarded by other public entities.