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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	17440	Agenda Number	36.
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Meeting Date:	August 16, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with AVO MULTI-AMP CORP. dba MEGGER for the purchase of relay test sets for Austin Energy in an amount not to exceed \$80,750.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Gage Loots, Buyer II/322-6118
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission.
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Related Items:	
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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.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the one-time purchase of four (4) relay tests sets for Austin Energy (AE) from Megger, Dallas TX. These test sets will be used by AE personnel to test and calibrate electromechanical and micro-processor relays, trip-check relay schemes, and perform relay panel checkout. Relays are devices that protect high voltage transmission lines, substation equipment and the distribution system from faults in the electric power system.

The Megger Protective Relay Test (MPRT) set is the only relay test set that can communicate with the existing MPRT test sets currently owned by AE. Compatibility between test sets is necessary to perform end-to-end testing in order to ensure the proper coordination of relay settings at two ends of a transmission line. In addition, the MRPT set is the only test set that can be used in conjunction with AE's current relay software AVTS to perform automated testing; which allows for more accurate results and efficient analysis than manual testing.

MPRT sets are exclusively manufactured and directly sold by Megger with no authorized distributors.