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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21090	Agenda Number	42.
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Meeting Date:	January 17, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a sole source service contract with SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC USA, INC., for the retrofitting of main switchgear breakers for the Austin Water Utility for a total contract amount not to exceed \$166,773.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

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:	Stephen Aden, Purchasing Manager, 972-4040
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on January 9, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C 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 with Schneider Electric USA, Inc., Austin, TX to retrofit the main switchgear breakers which provide power to three process areas at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant. These process areas are critical to the operation of the facility and the production of the Dillo Dirt Program. This retrofit will upgrade failing breakers which can cause random power outages. In addition to preventing the power outages, this retrofit will provide a safe working environment for maintenance personnel and will deliver the reliability needed to maintain the operation of the anaerobic digester process equipment which is required for methane gas production of Biosolids output.

This retrofit includes custom manufactured breakers by Schneider Electric USA to be compatible with the existing switchgear, since replacement breakers are no longer available due to the age of the switchgear. The custom breakers will be configured specifically for the existing equipment; therefore, Schneider Electric USA is the sole source to maintain warranty and responsibility of the complete installation.

Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant is an award winning, nationally recognized environmental Management and Research Facility. The entire project is located on Hornsby Bend property, limiting the impact of this project on the public.