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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	33737	Agenda Number	42.
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Meeting Date:	June 26, 2014
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with POWER SUPPLY INC, for the purchase of generator circuit breakers for the switchgear at Austin Energy's Mueller Energy Center in an amount not-to-exceed \$157,900.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Paige McDonald, Buyer II/512-322-6118
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Boards and Commission Action:	6/16/14 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on a 6-0 vote.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (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 purchase of ten 15kV circuit breakers for use at Austin Energy's Mueller Energy Center. Circuit breakers are required to provide the necessary switching and protection of substation equipment and transmission lines from damage caused by excessive electrical currents. The existing circuit breakers are being replaced with these more reliable and updated breakers. Without these breakers, the power generated by the units cannot flow from the generator to the electrical distribution system.

ABB Inc. is the original equipment manufacturer of these breakers and Power Supply Inc. is the only authorized distributor and representative for ABB Inc. products to the City of Austin. Only ABB Inc. breakers are a direct replacement of the existing units. Only these breakers fit mechanically and electrically in the switchgear cubicle without requiring additional design or construction, therefore, Power Supply Inc. is the sole source provider of these products.