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**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 18

Subject: Authorize award, negotiation and execution of a contract with SQUARE D SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC SERVICES, Houston, TX, for the purchase of a 480-volt load center at the Decker Creek Power Station in an amount not to exceed \$279,160.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

**Additional Backup
Material**

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For More Information: Martha L. Gaines, Buyer II/322-6583

Purchasing Language: Best evaluated proposal of three proposals received

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

This contract is for the purchase of a 480-Volt load center that will be a replacement for the existing load center at the Decker Creek Power Station Unit No. 1. A load center consists of numerous circuit breakers that distribute power throughout the power plant. The existing load center was installed when the power plant was built almost 40 years ago. The manufacturer went out of business in the 1980's. Spare parts are no longer available and reliability is decreasing due to corrosion and thermal damage.

The replacement Load Center has been designed to fit in the available space and reuse as much of the existing cabling as possible to keep installation costs to a minimum.

MBE/WBE solicited: 5/2 MBE/WBE responded: 0/0

Ref MG06300023 PRICE ANALYSIS a. Adequate competition b. Twenty-eight notices were sent, including five MBEs and two WBEs. Four solicitations were issued. Three proposals were received with no response from the MBEs/WBEs c. The load center on Decker Unit No. 1 has not been replaced since the plant was built in 1968, therefore, there is no relevant price history.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION a. Best evaluated proposal b. The Purchasing office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award c. Advertised on the Internet

CIP BUDGET
Fiscal Note

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

11/2/2006

WHERE ON AGENDA:

Resolution

DEPARTMENT:

Austin Energy

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Parent Project Name	Power Production
Project Authorization	2006-2007 Approved Capital Budget

Current Appropriation	\$ 346,172,850.00	
Unencumbered Balance		\$ 19,251,432 05
Amount of This Action		<u>(279,160.00)</u>
Remaining Balance		<u><u>\$ 18,972,272 05</u></u>

Use of Remaining Balance.

Remaining funds will be used for design, construction, equipment, and material acquisition to complete the project

Use of Any Remaining Funds After Completion of Project

No remaining funds anticipated at this time

Director, Planning & Budget	Signature <u>J E Pokorny</u>	Date <u>10/12/2006</u>
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