

AGENDA



Thursday, April 29, 2010

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 37**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the State of Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) Cooperative Purchasing program with HILL COUNTRY ELECTRIC SUPPLY, Austin, TX, for the purchase of Square D padmount transformers for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$53,608.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Roy Rivers, Buyer II/512-974-2596

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). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water & Wastewater Commission.

This contract is for the purchase of two replacement Square D manufactured electric transformers at the South Austin Regional Water Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR). The existing equipment has deteriorated due to the exposure to a highly corrosive environment caused by gas emissions resulting from the wastewater treatment process.

To address this issue, personnel at SAR, along with assistance from Austin Energy's Electrical Maintenance section, has implemented a review process to identify and replace existing transformers that are deteriorating due to the corrosive environment. The transformers must be Square D transformers to fit the footprint of the existing pad and the existing conduit configuration.

Hill Country Electric Supply is contracted through TXMAS to supply various types of electrical components 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 from contracts competitively bid and awarded by the General Services Administration's Federal Supply Service.