



**Purchasing Supply Agreement
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 21
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a 12-month supply agreement with HIGH VOLTAGE SUPPLY, Dallas, TX for the purchase of extra low resistance contacts in an amount not to exceed \$513,206, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$513,206 per extension option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$2,052,824.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$42,767.16 is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Amended Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 11 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Austin Energy; **AUTHORIZATION:**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolores Castillo, Senior Buyer/322-6466

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Sole Source.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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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This contract will provide five different types of extra low resistance (ELR) contacts for Austin Energy's use at various substations. The ELRs are installed on substation transformer tap changers. The ELR's inlay process enhances the conductivity and increases the life of the contact on the North American Tap Changers currently in service throughout the Austin Energy electric system. These contacts, both moving and stationary, regulate the voltage, which is transmitted from the substation transformer through the distribution lines to Austin Energy's customers. Records indicate the original contacts on the North American Tap Changers need to be replaced every six to nine months. Using the ELR contact has shown that the replacement life can be extended up to five years.

Sole Source. High Voltage Supply is the original equipment manufacturer and sole provider of the ELR contacts.