



RESOLUTION NO. U-11574

1 A RESOLUTION related to the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and
2 the furnishing of services; authorizing the City officials to enter into
3 contracts and, where specified, waive competitive bidding requirements,
4 authorize sale of surplus property, or increase or extend existing
5 agreements.

6 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, requested
7 bids or proposals for the purchase of certain materials, supplies, equipment or
8 the furnishing of certain services, or proposes to purchase off an agreement
9 previously competitively bid and entered into by another governmental entity or
10 a purchasing cooperative, or for the sales of surplus, or desires to increase or
11 extend an existing agreement, all as explained by the attached Exhibit "A,"
12 which by this reference is incorporated herein, and

13 WHEREAS in response thereto, bids or proposals (or prices from
14 another governmental or cooperative agreement) were received, all as
15 evidenced by Exhibit "A," and

16 WHEREAS the Board of Contracts and Awards or the requesting division
17 have heretofore made their recommendations, which may include waiver of the
18 formal competitive bid process because it was not practicable to follow said
19 process, or because the purchase is from a single source, or there is an
20 emergency that requires such waiver, or because a directly negotiated contract
21 was determined to be in the best interest of the City, or waiver of minor
22 deviations, and in the case of sale of surplus, a declaration of surplus has been
23 made certifying that said items are no longer essential for continued effective
24 utility service, as explained in Exhibit "A," Now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

2 That the Public Utility Board of the City of Tacoma hereby concurs and
3 approves the recommendations of the Board of Contracts and Awards or
4 the requesting division, and approves, as appropriate: (1) the purchase or
5 furnishing of those materials, supplies, equipment or services recommended for
6 acceptance; (2) the sale of surplus materials, supplies or equipment
7 recommended for acceptance; (3) the purchase from a cooperative or another
8 governmental entity contract; and (4) the increase or extension of an existing
9 agreement, and said matters may include waiver of the formal competitive bid
10 process or waiver of minor deviations, all as set forth on Exhibit "A," and
11 authorizes the execution, delivery and implementation of appropriate notices,
12 contracts and documents by the proper officers of the City for said transactions.
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15 Approved as to form:

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17 /s/
18 Chief Deputy City Attorney

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20 Clerk

_____ Chair

_____ Secretary

18 Adopted _____



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Item No.: /

Meeting Date: JANUARY 14, 2026

TO: Board of Contracts and Awards
FROM: Chris R. Robinson, Utilities Deputy Director, Power Superintendent, Tacoma Power
John P. Merrell, Section Manager, Power Utility, Power Transmission & Distribution (T&D)
COPY: Mike Allen, Assistant Section Manager, Power Utility, Power T&D Engineering
Public Utility Board, Director of Utilities, Board Clerk, EIC Coordinator, LEAP Coordinator, and Aaron Bratton, Senior Buyer, Finance/Purchasing
SUBJECT: Southwest Substation Bank 1
Request for Proposals Specification No. PT25-0037F, Contract No. CW2278653
– January 14, 2026 Public Utility Board
DATE: November 24, 2025

RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY:

Tacoma Power recommends awarding a contract to Iljin Electric USA, Inc., Houston, TX, in the amount of \$7,710,000, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Tacoma Power Capital Budget, for purchase of one 230/115 kV, 300/400/500 MVA autotransformer.

BACKGROUND:

Southwest Substation is a major transmission facility supporting Tacoma Power's electrical grid. The proposed transformer is a key bulk power element supporting service in the central portion of Tacoma Power's service territory.

ISSUE: This purchase supports replacement of a critical substation transformer. This transformer's age and condition dictate a planned replacement to mitigate the impacts of an in-service failure. Lead times for design and manufacturing of power transformers of this size are approximately three years.

ALTERNATIVES: This critical piece of electrical infrastructure has a finite service life. The primary alternative considered by the department is the timing of replacement.

COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION:

Request for Proposals Specification No. PT25-0037F was opened September 30, 2025. 13 companies were invited to bid in addition to normal advertising of the project. Five submittals were received.

Iljin Electric USA, Inc. submitted a bid that resulted in the highest evaluated submittal. The table below reflects the amount of the total award.

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Location</u> (city and state)	<u>Score</u>
Iljin Electric USA, Inc.	Houston, TX	265
Weg Transformers USA, LLC	Washington, MO	214
Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, LLC	Canonsburg, PA	183
Prolec GE	Waukesha, WI	161
HD Hyundai Electric America	Duluth, GA	121



CONTRACT HISTORY: New contract

SUSTAINABILITY: Sustainability practices of each proposer was given a weight of 5 points out of 100.

EQUITY IN CONTRACTING (EIC) COMPLIANCE: Not applicable - Supply purchase - EIC Regulations are not yet established

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (LEAP) COMPLIANCE: Not Applicable

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPENDITURES:

FUND NUMBER & FUND NAME *	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Tacoma Power Capital Budget (4700)	Various	Various	\$7,710,000
TOTAL			Up to \$7,710,000

REVENUES:

FUNDING SOURCE	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	COST ELEMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT
Rate Revenues	Various	Various	(\$7,710,000)
TOTAL			Up to (\$7,710,000)

FISCAL IMPACT TO CURRENT BIENNIAL BUDGET: \$800,000

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? YES

IF EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW THEY ARE TO BE COVERED. N/A