

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) intends to procure large power transformers (LPTs) and variable shunt reactors (VSRs) for various substations; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.15(f)(1)(d) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code allows LADWP to use a competitive sealed proposal method to acquire highly specialized equipment used for power generation, transmission, and distribution where the technical complexities of such equipment require that factors in addition to price be taken into consideration and such competitive sealed proposal method may allow negotiations in accordance with criteria approved by the Los Angeles City Council; and

WHEREAS, LADWP desires to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) using the competitive sealed proposal method that permits negotiations after proposals have been submitted to allow clarifications and changes to the proposals, and which allows the award of one or more contracts in whole or in part at LADWP's discretion; and

WHEREAS, LADWP may apply a local business preference for businesses located within Los Angeles County, in accordance with Section 10.25, *et seq.*, of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, of up to an additional 12 percent; and

WHEREAS, LPTs and VSRs used at LADWP's substations are highly specialized equipment essential for power transmission and distribution, and their procurement involves custom engineering design, complex manufacturing processes, and extended lead times; and

WHEREAS, given the need to consider factors such as total life cycle costs, delivery timetables, availability of manufacturer support services, performance reliability, warranties, and specialized expertise for installation and maintenance, LADWP requires the flexibility to evaluate these critical elements; and

WHEREAS, the complexity and customization of LPTs and VSRs necessitates acquisition through an alternative procurement method and the award of one or more contracts with a term of nine years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) finds that for the reasons described above, adherence to the rule that the contract awards be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is not practical or advantageous.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board finds that use of the competitive-sealed proposal method is in the best interests of the City of Los Angeles due to the complexity of purchasing LPTs and VSRs for LADWP substations and that LADWP reasonably anticipates receiving a large number of exceptions and clarifications for this type of procurement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Charter Section 1022, the services advertised for in this RFP will be for expert services which require knowledge and skills that are not available within LADWP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves and recommends that the Los Angeles City Council adopt an Ordinance authorizing the use of the competitive-sealed proposal method for purchase of substation LPTs and VSRs, approve the proposed criteria to be used in the selection of the contractor(s) for the proposed RFP pursuant to Section 10.15(f) of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and that the Board be permitted to award the contract(s) and execute non-material corollary documents and amendments for said equipment for a term not to exceed nine years without further approval by the Los Angeles City Council pursuant to Section 373 of the Charter.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held February 10, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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