



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 16, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
 Submitted by: Wahid Amiri, Interim Director, Public Works
 Subject: Purchase Orders: Graybar Electric Company, Inc., W.W. Grainger, Inc. and WESCO Distribution, Inc. for electrical supplies and parts

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute multi-year purchase orders as outlined below:

1. Purchase Order with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
2. Purchase Order with W.W. Grainger, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
3. Purchase Order with WESCO Distribution, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding is available in the proposed Fiscal Year 2027, subject to Council approval, in the Public Works Electrical Division’s Funds 673-Building Maintenance, 127-State Transportation Tax, 134-Measure BB-Local Streets and Roads, and 142-Street Lighting. Funding for future years is subject to Council appropriation for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Public Works maintains and repairs the City’s electrical infrastructure. This includes 223 traffic signals and 8,000 streetlights, along with internal electrical systems within City facilities such as lights. The Public Works Electrical Division also works with additional contracted vendors to install new electrical assets and upgrade the City’s current electrical infrastructure. These systems are essential systems to provide needed traffic control, illumination and access to electricity for staff and citizens. To support this work, the Department must purchase electrical supplies annually. This includes supplies such

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as traffic vehicle detection, Caltrans specified traffic signal & streetlight poles, signal Controllers, LED lighting, copper wire, ground boxes and other items. As such, Public Works needs vendors to purchase bulk supplies to help with the Division's work.

Omnia Partners is one of the largest cooperative purchasing organizations in the United States for government agencies, which allows the City to access needed supplies at good pricing and expedites the procurement process, which saves time and funding for Public Work.

Public Works needs additional purchasing capacity with multiple electrical supply vendors, to minimize administrative time and effort sourcing critical supplies. These purchase orders will support the Department's ability to purchase the lowest cost supplies with these new purchase orders. By using cooperative agreements through Omnia, Public Works can save resources and costs, while making it easier to procure the necessary electrical supplies for the City's electrical infrastructure.

These purchase orders will support the City's Strategic Plan, by providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities.

BACKGROUND

The City is allowed to purchase goods without undergoing a competitive bid process if the City utilizes pricing obtained by another entity through a competitive process. On September 6, 2017, Omnia released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. EV2370 for Electrical, Lighting, Data Communications and Security Products and Related Products, Services and Solutions. The RFP was available for approximately 30 days and 3 proposals were submitted. Upon review of proposals, the Omnia selection committee selected Graybar Electric Company, Inc. as the most responsive and responsible proposer to meet the specifications, thereby awarding Contract No. EV2370.

On March 15, 2024, Omnia released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 24-08 for Maintenance Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Equipment, and Related Products and Services. The RFP was available for approximately 42 days and 13 proposals were submitted. Upon review of proposals, the Omnia selection committee selected nine proposals, including W.W. Grainger, Inc. and WESCO Distribution, Inc. as the most responsive and responsible proposers to meet the specifications, thereby awarding Contract No. R240809.

Throughout the year, Public Works purchases parts via cooperative contracts to ensure that City departments receive the best pricing. These parts are specialized and will be compatible with current City electrical systems.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

Regular maintenance and repair of electrical systems optimizes system performance, prolongs equipment lifespan and minimizes environmental impact. Well-maintained

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electrical systems operate more efficiently, consume less energy and reduce carbon emissions.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Purchasing from these vendors is the most cost-effective method of maintaining the City's electrical system. This agreement ensures ongoing service and prevents potential disruption to City operations. Maintaining an adequate supply of electrical supplies also ensures that Public Works can complete upgrades, installations, maintenance and repair work in a timely manner, minimizing the risk of service interruptions to City operations.

Utilizing pricing obtained through Omnia Contracts No. EV2370 and No. R240809 satisfies the City's competitive bidding requirements and ensures the most competitive pricing available.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Public Works can continue to procure electrical supplies as it does now, on an as-needed basis. However, that may increase costs and increase staff procurement time as vendors may not be part of a cooperative agreement.

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution: Graybar Electric Company, Inc.
- 2: Resolution: W.W. Grainger Inc.
- 3: Resolution: WESCO Distribution, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES AND PARTS

WHEREAS, electrical supplies and parts are needed by Public Works Electrical Division to support their maintenance, repair and installation work; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2017, Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. EV2370 for Electrical, Lighting, Data Communications and Security Products and Related Products, Services and Solutions; the RFP was available for approximately 30 days and 3 proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Omnia selection committee selected Graybar Electric Company, Inc. as the most responsive and responsible proposer to meet the specifications, thereby awarding Contract No. EV2370; and

WHEREAS, Omnia bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the proposed Fiscal Year 2027, subject to Council approval, in the Public Works Electrical Division’s Funds 673,127, 134 and 142 and funding for future years is subject to Council approval for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order for Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: W.W. GRAINGER, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES AND PARTS

WHEREAS, electrical supplies and parts are needed by Public Works Electrical Division to support their maintenance, repair and installation work; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, Omnia released Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 24-08 for Maintenance Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Equipment, and Related Products and Services; the RFP was available for approximately 42 days and 13 proposals were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Omnia selection committee selected nine proposals, including W.W. Grainger, Inc., as the most responsive and responsible proposers to meet the specifications, thereby awarding Contract No. R240809; and

WHEREAS, Omnia bid procedures satisfy the procurement requirements of the City; and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the proposed Fiscal Year 2027, subject to Council approval, in the Public Works Electrical Division's Funds 673, 127, 134 and 142 and funding for future years is subject to Council approval for Fiscal Years 2028 and 2029.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order for W.W. Grainger, Inc. for supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners ("Omnia") for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

PURCHASE ORDER: WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES
AND PARTS

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a purchase order for WESCO Distribution, Inc. for supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners ("Omnia") for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.