



## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council Members  
Marc Ott, City Manager

From: Jeff Knodel, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 27, 2009

Subject: Ratification of Hurricane Ike Purchases

September 9, 2008, the City of Austin, took immediate actions to respond to the evacuation requirements caused by Hurricane Ike. To provide effective support upon the arrival of evacuees, time to acquire necessary goods and services was shortened to the maximum extent possible. The normal purchasing process was suspended under the Public Health and Safety portions of applicable State law.

The following purchases, each of which exceeds the City Manager's Administrative Authority (at the time \$50,000), were made in support of evacuees and staff engaged in direct support of evacuees:

1. 24-hour per day Hurricane Ike evacuee feeding service at the Austin Convention Center, Aramark Sports Entertainment, \$384,308.20.
2. Air Mattresses, WalMart, Inc., \$91,488.

Funds will be reimbursed by the State of Texas Department of Emergency Management through a grant to the City for sheltering operations.

Council approval is requested for this ratification at the April 2, 2009 Council meeting.