

**RESOLUTION NO. 040115-31**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin, as part of the larger Central Texas area, is interested in preserving acceptable air quality standards and not being designated as an air quality "non-attainment" zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin, in cooperation with the other local governments in the Central Texas area have combined to form the "Clean Air Coalition" as a means of communicating about and addressing air quality improvement processes in the Central Texas area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin would like to implement immediate air quality improvement measures through some of its contracting and business support operations; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1365 that permits the City to give preference to vendors that demonstrate that they meet or exceed state or federal environmental compliance standards that relate to air quality if the cost for the goods or services does not exceed 105 percent of the cost of the goods or services provided by vendors who do not meet the standards; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

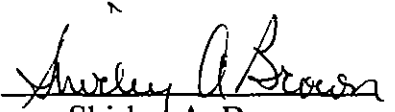
The City Manager is directed to initiate a pilot project for emissions reductions through changes and improvements to the City's acquisition processes for goods and services to accomplish the most immediate, short term impact without increasing the cost to the City more than five percent of the cost of such goods and services;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to provide a progress report regarding the pilot project in July of 2004.

**ADOPTED:** January 15, 2004

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Brown  
City Clerk