



**Purchasing Contract  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**SUBJECT:** Authorize execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with CUES, INC., Orlando, FL, for the purchase of three television inspection vans for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$277,560.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$277,560 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Amended Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is from a grant from CH2M Hill, Inc. for the purchase of maintenance equipment to benefit the Austin Clean Water Program.

**FISCAL NOTE:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING** Purchasing  
**DEPARTMENT:** for Austin Water Utility;

**DIRECTOR'S**  
**AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Fudge, Supervising Sr. Buyer/974-2033

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

**PURCHASING:** Purchasing Cooperative.

**MBE / WBE:** N/A

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This contract is for the purchase of three custom-built television inspection vans that are especially designed for inspecting underground wastewater lines by the Austin Water Utility (AWU). Two of the vehicles have the inspection bodies mounted on Ford F-450 truck cab and chassis. One is a Ford E-350 Econoline cargo van that is converted to an inspection van. The converted cargo van is smaller and able to access areas that the larger F-450 is unable to navigate. The vehicles have television inspection equipment manufactured by CUES, Inc. mounted inside the van and the truck bodies. This equipment includes color monitors, computer equipment, printers, software, cameras, camera cables, and other miscellaneous equipment. The vehicles are used by AWU to map the City's entire wastewater collection system and document with video tape any potential sewer line problems. This equipment will allow crews to visually inspect the interior portions of underground sewer collection pipes, and spot and correct problematic areas such as tree roots, cracks, holes, or blockage prior to an actual sewer overflow.

All three vehicles are new to AWU's fleet. The City developed the Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP) to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows to protect the environment and the public's health. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued an Administrative Order to the City in April 1999 that requires AWU to eliminate sewer overflows. This equipment is necessary to enable the utility to locate potentially weak spots in the collection system and make repairs before any sewer overflow occurs. These trucks are equipped to primarily provide visual inspections and data collection, but can provide some spot repair capabilities.

CUES, Inc. is under contract with BuyBoard to supply this type of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as



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well as the earliest opportunity to order the City's equipment. CUES, Inc. has estimated the delivery date to be in 60 days.

**BID TABULATION**

<b><u>Equipment Description</u></b>	<b><u>Qty</u></b>	<b><u>Unit Price</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price</u></b>
Ford F-450 Truck Cab & Chassis with Mounted Inspection Bodies	2	\$92,700	\$185,400
Ford E-350 Cargo Van with Inspection Conversion	1	\$92,160	\$92,160