Purchasing Contract CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) with GREEN EQUIPMENT CO., Fort Worth, TX, for the purchase of a small steerable camera to be used by the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$116,391.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing**DIRECTOR'SDEPARTMENT:** for Austin Water Utility;**AUTHORIZATION:** <u>Vickie Schubert</u>

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

<u>PURCHASING:</u> Purchasing Cooperative

<u>MBE / WBE:</u> N/A

This contract is for the purchase of an Envirosight Crawler Camera system for the Television Inspection Division of the Austin Water Utility. This camera is being purchased to facilitate inspection of sewer mains that are inaccessible to cameras currently used. The Supervision Camera can navigate in smaller diameter pipes and around sharper bends than our current cameras because of its six-wheel steering mechanism and its smaller size. The unit is very portable and can be transported into relatively inaccessible areas with all terrain vehicles or even hand carried. The camera will speed inspections and also reduce the need to install manholes for access to sewer lines.

Green Equipment Co. is under contract with HGAC to provide this equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the HGAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City's equipment on order.