Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 38

**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a 24-month requirements supply contract with FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC., Austin, TX, for ultra low-flow toilets, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$797,010.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$66,418 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget for the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining 22 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

## Additional Backup Material

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For More Information: Steve Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of four bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the supply of low-flow toilets for the Austin Water Utility's (AWU) Water Conservation Program. The contract will provide for the purchasing of approximately 15,600 water efficient toilets (1.6 gallons per flush) for distribution to qualified residential, commercial and multi-family AWU customers over the next 24 months.

To qualify to receive toilets, residential customers must reside in Austin and commercial customers must be retail customers of the Austin Water Utility services or retail customers of the City's wholesale water customers. In addition, residential customers must live in a residence built prior to the building code change in 1991. Customers can receive up to three toilets per residence at no charge. The customer is responsible for installation.

Each single-family household, if they retro-fit to the efficient toilets, will have savings of approximately \$100 per year in water and wastewater charges. The installation of water efficient toilets will result in a reduction of the City's daily water demands.

**AGENDA DATE: 8/24/06** 

**VENDOR NAME: Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.** 

BID TABULATION IFB No. SA06100109 Ultra Low-Flow Toilets (Two Line Items)

VENDOR	TOTAL BID
Ferguson Enterprises Inc. Austin, TX	\$797,010.00
New Austin Plumbing Austin, TX	\$915,048.00
Crump Plumbing Supply Austin, TX	\$1,165,800.00
Caroma USA Inc. Pound, WI	\$1,238,400.00

Bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office.