



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

**AGENDA ITEM NO.:** 44  
**AGENDA DATE:** Thu 07/28/2005  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize ratification of a contract with ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS PRODUCTS, INC., Austin, TX for the purchase of vehicle emissions testing equipment in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Operating Budget of the Financial and Administrative Services Department, Fleet Fund.

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

<b>REQUESTING</b> Purchasing	<b>DIRECTOR'S</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> for Financial and	<b>AUTHORIZATION:</b> <u>Vickie Schubert</u>
Administrative Services -	
Fleet Services;	

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sydney Ceder, Buyer II/974-2035

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

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

**PURCHASING:** N/A

**MBE / WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 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.

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To avoid a public calamity, Fleet Services made an emergency purchase of emissions testing equipment to comply with the new State law requiring vehicle emissions testing in Travis and Williamson counties, effective September 1, 2005. The procurement had to be made prior to City Council approval given the following timing issue.

Fleet Services must take delivery of State mandated vehicle emissions testing equipment as soon as possible because the equipment has to be installed and working properly before it can be certified by the State. The total cost for the State approved equipment for four service centers is \$49,000.00. Fleet Services must have mechanics trained and certified by the State in the proper use of the installed equipment prior to September 1, 2005. The mechanics and the equipment must be certified before the State will certify the four locations to be outfitted with the testing equipment.

If Fleet Services had waited until July 28 for Council approval, there would be less than 30 days to coordinate with the State to have the four locations and the mechanics certified by the State. Failure to meet the September 1 deadline would jeopardize our ability to perform vehicle safety and emission inspections as required by the Department of Public Safety. This would put all City vehicles due for inspection out of service until the inspections are performed. The impact could affect police cars, EMS, fire and sanitation vehicles.



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Tom Wieczorek, Fleet Officer

**DATE:** July 13, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Emission Testing Equipment Ratification

In an effort to avoid a situation that could become a public calamity, Fleet Services has proceeded with an emergency purchase for the emissions testing equipment and will pursue subsequent ratification of the purchase by Council because of a timing issue that is directly related to the new State law requiring vehicle emissions testing in Travis and Williamson counties effective September 1, 2005.

Fleet Services must take delivery of State mandated vehicle emissions testing equipment as soon as possible because the equipment has to be installed and working properly before it can be certified by the State. The total cost for the state approved equipment for four service centers is \$49,000.00. Recommendation for Council action cannot be presented to Council until July 28, 2005. To comply with the new law, Fleet Services must have mechanics trained in the proper use of the equipment and certified by the State prior to September 1, 2005. The mechanics must be trained and the equipment certified before the State will certify the four locations that will be outfitted with the testing equipment.

If we wait until July 28 for Council approval, we would have less than 30 days to coordinate with the State to have both these four locations and the mechanics certified by the State. Failure to meet the September 1 deadline could jeopardize our ability to perform DPS vehicle safety and emission inspections, which would put all City vehicles due for inspection out of service until the inspections are performed. The impact could affect APD, EMS, AFD, and sanitation vehicles

Let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Thank you,

*T. Wieczorek*

Thomas R. Wieczorek  
Fleet Officer