



**To:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

**From:** Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

**Date:** November 14, 2012

**Subject:** **Purchase of 24-Gallon Residential Trash Carts**

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The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to authorize approval for a sole source purchase with Toter Incorporated. The amount is not to exceed \$100,772.00, for the purchase of 2,800 24-gallon residential trash carts. Toter Incorporated is the sole source provider for 24-gallon trash carts.

***Background***

The trash carts are to be issued for the ARR Pay-As-You-Throw Program, which requires ARR customers to use City-issued carts for the removal of residential trash. The provision of 24-gallon trash carts at a lower monthly rate than 32-, 64-, and 96-gallon carts will advance the City's Zero Waste Goals by encouraging customers to generate less waste and increase diversion of collected materials from landfills and incinerators.

It was determined after conducting exhaustive research that the only manufacturer found that builds and supplies a 24-gallon trash cart was Toter Incorporated. The research conducted included online searches through municipal solid waste and recycling trade associations and publications.

***Contract Timeline***

November 14<sup>th</sup> – ZWAC Meeting

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Target Date for City Council Consideration/Authorization (Alternate date is TBD in January 2013)

***Staff Recommendation***

Staff recommends City Council authorization for the award and sole source purchase with Toter Incorporated, Statesville, NC, for the purchase of 24-gallon trash carts in an amount not to exceed \$100,772.00.