

SUBJECT: Authorize award and execution of a contract with **TOTER INCORPORATED**, Statesville, NC, for the purchase of 2,800 24-gallon garbage carts in an amount not to exceed \$100,772. Toter Incorporated is the sole source provider for 24-gallon garbage carts.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$100,772.00 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Department.

FISCAL NOTE: A fiscal note is attached.

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: Zero Waste Advisory Commission — November 14, 2012.

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 contract.

This contract is for the purchase of 2,800 24-gallon residential garbage carts, including lid graphics, for ARR.

The garbage 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 garbage. The provision of 24-gallon garbage 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. This purchase of 24-gallon garbage carts is necessary to provide a sufficient supply readily available to issue to customers upon request.

ARR staff conducted exhaustive research in an attempt to identify multiple qualified suppliers of 24-gallon garbage carts. The department's investigation included online searches through municipal solid waste and recycling trade associations and publications. This led to the ultimate conclusion that Toter Incorporated is, in fact, the sole available producer and supplier of 24-gallon garbage carts.
