



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Date: June 12, 2013

Subject: **Purchase of Reusable Bags**

The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to authorize approval for a purchase with Beehive Specialty. The amount is not to exceed \$143,500 for the purchase of 50,000 Reusable Canvas Bags. Beehive Specialty was the low bid meeting the specification requirements.

Background

ARR will distribute reusable bags to citizens as part of our Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance education and outreach campaign. The bag distribution is an important component of our efforts to help citizens learn about the ordinance and be prepared when they shop. To provide an option for citizens who may not be able to purchase reusable bags, we are distributing bags at community centers and events in high-need areas around the City. The requested quantity will provide a sufficient amount for our planned outreach efforts and unexpected requests from events and other City Departments.

Contract Timeline

April 22nd – Invitation for Bids Issued by City of Austin
May 15th – Bid Due Date
June 12th – ZWAC Meeting
June 27th – Target Date for City Council Consideration/Authorization

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council authorization for the award purchase with Beehive Specialty, Austin, TX, for the purchase of Reusable Bags in an amount not to exceed \$143,500.00.