



**To:** Zero Waste Advisory Commission

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

**Date:** February 12, 2014

**Subject:** **Contract for Emergency Roll-Off Services for Flood Cleanup**

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The purpose of this item is to obtain a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to approve the ratification of an emergency contract with **BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP** for emergency roll-off refuse container services in support of flood cleanup efforts in the Onion Creek area in an amount not to exceed \$75,768.

***Purpose and Background***

During the week of October 28, 2013, residents of the Onion Creek area suffered severe property damage due to exceptionally heavy rain and subsequent flooding. This event constituted a public calamity requiring the immediate appropriation of money to facilitate a rapid response in support of cleanup efforts. Pursuant to Section 252.022 of the Texas Local Government Code, Austin Resource Recovery implemented emergency purchasing procedures to mobilize the immediate delivery of approximately 60 roll-off refuse containers for use in the cleanup efforts. These cleanup efforts continued through the month of November and required the removal of more than 1,000 tons of debris using contracted roll-off services from three separate vendors. The cost for these services provided by one of the vendors, BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP, was \$75,768, which exceeded the City Manager's authority for approval. ARR also contracted with Texas Disposal Systems and Waste Management for lesser dollar amounts not requiring approval above the department level.

Follow-up actions will include soliciting bids for a master agreement for emergency roll-off refuse container services. This new agreement will ensure predictable pricing and a rapid response for unpredicted emergencies such as excessive flooding, high wind damage, large-scale fire damage and other weather related disasters that could require widespread trash removal.

***Contract Timeline***

November 1<sup>st</sup> – First Roll-Off Deliveries in Onion Creek Area  
December 5<sup>th</sup> – ARR Obtains Updated Cost Estimates and Submits Requisition for Emergency Contract  
December 6<sup>th</sup> – COA Corporate Purchasing Executes Emergency Contract  
January 10<sup>th</sup> – ARR Provides Ratification RCA Language to Corporate Purchasing  
February 12<sup>th</sup> – ZWAC Recommendation  
February 27<sup>th</sup> – City Council Date

***Staff Recommendation***

Staff recommends City Council approval of the ratification of an emergency contract with **BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP** for emergency roll-off refuse container services in support of flood cleanup efforts in the Onion Creek area in an amount not to exceed \$75,768.