



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Date: March 9, 2016

Subject: **Outside trash and recycling receptacles**

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is requesting a favorable ZWAC recommendation for the City Council to authorize negotiation, award and execution of a contract for the purchase of outdoor trash and recycling receptacles, not to exceed \$886,870.

Purpose

The contract will provide for the acquisition of: trash and recycling receptacles for pay as you throw customers; assembly; warranty; radio frequency identification (RFID) chips; branding; specific colors; color coordinated lids; wheels; and, shipping and handling. Requested quantities of carts and sizes are:

Quantity*	Size
1,800	24 gallon
8,500	32 gallon
8,425	64 gallon
1,000	96 gallon

* Actual quantities may vary depending upon customer demand and/or customers' requests for replacements throughout the year.

Funding

Funding for the vehicle and equipment purchases was provided in the adopted BFY2015-16 City of Austin CIP budget.

Policy

An analysis was conducted and it was determined that the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) contract was the best value to the City. This contract offers the lowest prices and is able to fully meet the needs of the department. Toter Incorporated is under contract with the HGAC cooperative to supply various types of refuse containers and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council authorization for the negotiation, award and execution of a contract to procure outdoor trash and recycling receptacles.