



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission

From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery

Date: November 9, 2016

Subject: **Contract for Organics Processing Services**

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is requesting the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) to provide a favorable ZWAC recommendation to the City Council for the authorization of an award and execution of a 36-month with three 12-month extensions contract with Employee Owned Nursery Enterprises, LTD DBA Organics "By Gosh" in an amount not to exceed \$4,360,000 for organics processing services over a six (6) year period.

Funding

The processing costs noted in this contract were planned and included within the 2016 Organics discussions with ZWAC and City Council. Funding of the first year requirement (\$255,500) has been appropriated and is included in the FY17 ARR Budget. Funding of future years' requirements will be contingent upon future budget approvals.

Background

This procurement is being requested in anticipation of the additional volume of composting materials that will be collected when the curbside composting service is expanded in FY17 to an additional 38,000 homes. ARR anticipated awarding this contract to multiple vendors/locations to allow for efficiencies in operations, but only one vendor submitted a proposal.

Contract Timeline

November 9th – ZWAC recommends City Council approval of original contract
December 1st – Target City Council date

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council authorization of award and execution of a 36-month with three 12-month extensions contract with Employee Owned Nursery Enterprises, LTD DBA Organics "By Gosh" in an amount not to exceed \$4,360,000 for organics processing services over a six (6) year period.