



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-3542, **Agenda Item #:** 27.

12/9/2021

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a cooperative contract with Toter LLC for refuse, recycling, and organics carts, for a term of 13 months in an amount not to exceed \$3,900,000.

(Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Purchasing Office has determined this contractor best meets the needs of the department to provide the goods required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 10, 2021 - The Zero Waste Advisory Commission was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Additional Backup Information:

The contract is for residential refuse, recycling, and organics containers with lid graphics and radio-frequency identification tags. These containers are crucial for the continuation of the City's residential waste and recycling program which adheres to and promotes the City's Zero Waste initiatives. This program requires customers to use City-issued containers for the collection of residential refuse, recycling, and organic waste.

The contract will support the City's ability to issue containers of appropriate capacity to new customers, as well as provide enough inventory to replace damaged containers for existing customers. The contract will benefit the public by keeping the community clean and protect Austin's environment by supporting the City's goal to transform waste into resources, while reducing the amount of trash sent to landfills.

The current contract expires on December 31, 2021. The requested authorization amount was determined

using a departmental estimate based on historical spend and future usage. The recommended contractor is the current provider for these goods.

The OMNIA Partners cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.