



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-4284, **Agenda Item #:** 21.

4/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract for refuse, recycling, and organics containers with Toter LLC d/b/a Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC, for up to 50 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$11,500,000.

[Note: This procurement was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (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 in the amount of \$1,150,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods. The Financial Services Department has determined this contractor best meets the needs of Austin Resource Recovery to provide these goods required for the City.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at: FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

April 10, 2024 - To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract is for the purchase and delivery of residential refuse, recycling, and organics containers with lid graphics for Austin Resource Recovery's City's Zero Waste initiative program. These containers are used in the collection of residential waste, recycling, and organics. Austin Resource Recovery customers are required to use City-issued containers for their waste collection.

This contract will replace a contract which expires June 14, 2024. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates, historical spend, and forecasted usage. The recommended

contractor is the current provider for these goods.

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A delay in contract approval could impact Austin Resource Recovery's ability to provide containers to new and current customers for their waste collection.