Purchasing Office  

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the State of Texas, Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) with TOTER INCORPORATED, Statesville, NC, for the purchase of residential garbage carts, single-stream recycling carts, multi color lid graphics, and assembly and distribution services in an amount not to exceed $10,340,767.84.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $706,137.84 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department. Funding in the amount of $9,634,630 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Roy Rivers, Buyer II/974-6434

Purchasing Language: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of 16,608 residential garbage carts, 181,000 single-stream recycling carts, multi-color lid graphics, assembly, and distribution services for the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS).

The garbage carts are to be issued for the SWS Pay-As-You-Throw Program, which requires SWS customers to use a City-issued cart for the removal of residential garbage. The purchase of garbage carts is necessary to provide SWS with a sufficient supply of 30, 60, and 90 gallon garbage carts readily available to replace existing customers' broken carts and to issue new carts to new customers on an as-needed basis. Funding for these garbage carts is in the SWS FY 2007-2008 Operating Budget.

The recycling carts are for the implementation of Single-Stream Recycling, which is scheduled to begin in October 2008. SWS residential customers will be issued a 90-gallon recycling cart in place of the 14-gallon recycling bin they currently use. Single-stream recycling will enable customers to place all recyclables (paper, glass, aluminum, plastics, etc.) in their 90-gallon cart without the need to pre-sort the material. Single-stream recycling will make it easier for customers to participate, increase the amount of material being recycled, and enable SWS to reduce the frequency of collection from once-a-week to bi-weekly, thereby lowering operating costs and reducing emissions. As part of this purchase, Toter, Inc. will be responsible for the assembly and distribution of the 90-gallon recycling carts to all SWS residential customers. It is anticipated that assembly and distribution will take approximately three months to complete.

Toter Incorporated is under contract with CPA to supply various types of refuse containers (two-wheel carts) and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing CPA contracts
provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to get the City’s equipment on order.