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SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Austin, Texas 78767

To: Mayor and Council Members

**From: William E. Rhodes, P.E., Director
Solid Waste Services Department**

Date: May 29, 2008

Subject: Vista Fibers Single Stream Recycling Contract

As you know, we are moving toward a single-stream recycling program this fall. Since our current facility can't handle commingled recycled materials, we are planning the construction of a new single-stream Material Recovery Facility in the near future. However, this City facility will not be completed in time to accept the commingled materials this fall. So, we needed to develop an interim solution. We have negotiated a two year contract with Vista Fibers for the transport, processing and sale of commingled recycling materials. This contract will be on your June 5th agenda.

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission reviewed this contract at their last meeting. They passed a resolution (attached) recommending that the transportation component of the proposed Vista Fiber contract be solicited under the competitive bidding process. Since that time, staff has explored this suggestion and determined that Vista Fibers will not guarantee that they will accept our commingled material by the City's start date (October 6, 2008) if the transportation component is removed from the contract. Therefore, staff recommends approving the originally negotiated Vista Fibers contract.

William E. Rhodes, P.E.
Director, Solid Waste Services

cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager

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CITY OF AUSTIN

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

VISTA FIBERS RESOLUTION

May 14, 2008

VOTE: 5-2-0

Motion made by: Rick Cofer

Seconded by: Jason Pittman

Commissioners Consenting: Lark Anthony, Tracy Sosa, Casey Walker

Commissioners Dissenting:

Commissioners Abstaining: JD Porter, Gerry Acuna

Commissioners Absent:

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission supports the processing and sale of commingled material to AE Vista Fibers, but opposes the inclusion of transportation in the contract.

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission recommends that the transportation component be solicited under the competitive bidding process.