

AGENDA



Thursday, June 5, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 41**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 24-month revenue contract with VISTA FIBERS, San Antonio, TX, for the transport, processing, and sale of commingled recycling material for an estimated revenue of \$3,000,000, with two 6-month extension options for an estimated revenue of \$750,000 per extension option, for a total estimated revenue of \$4,500,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Revenue will be included the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Purchasing Language: Revenue Contract.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Commission with the recommendation to solicit the transportation component.

This contract is for the transport, processing, and sale of recyclable material collected by Solid Waste Services (SWS) Recycling Collection crews. In October of 2008, the City of Austin will initiate the conversion to 'single-stream' recycling and will phase out the use of the 14-gallon blue recycling bin. Customers of Solid Waste Services will be issued a 90-gallon recycling cart and will be able to place all of their recyclable material together in the cart without the need to pre-sort. Once single-stream recycling is implemented, SWS crews will collect recyclable material from customers every two weeks and will bring the commingled material to the SWS Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located at 3810 Todd Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. MRF staff will transfer the commingled material to tractor-trailers provided by Vista Fibers, and Vista Fibers drivers will transport the commingled material to their single-stream recycling processing facility located in San Antonio, Texas. Vista Fibers will separate, process, and sell the recyclable material, providing the City of Austin with a monthly rebate payment (less processing and transportation costs).

The two-year contract with Vista Fibers (to become effective October 1, 2008) will enable the City of Austin to implement single-stream recycling prior to completing the construction of the City of Austin's proposed single-stream Material Recovery Facility. Construction of the new single-stream Material Recovery Facility is anticipated to be completed in 2010, and will be located on the City of Austin Landfill site at 10108 FM 812, Austin, Texas 78719.

The following is a summary of the positive impact of the single stream program in emissions reduction.

Curbside Recycling Operations is currently running 25 residential recycling routes daily (25 trucks) with each truck averaging 35 miles per day per route. Recycling Collection is provided on a weekly basis.

SWS will begin running 18 single-stream residential routes in October (18 trucks) and reducing the frequency of collection to once every other week. SWS will reduce the need to service the community by seven trucks per day.

This program has a positive impact in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and an annual route/trip reduction will mitigate the following:

153,600 lbs of CO₂
939 lbs of NO_x
39 lbs of SO_x
767 lbs of CO
98 lbs of VOC
33 lbs of PM₁₀