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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	20504	Agenda Number	38.
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Meeting Date:	December 13, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract with TOTER INCORPORATED, for the purchase of 2,800 24-gallon garbage carts for the Austin Resource Recovery Department in an amount not to exceed \$100,772.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Sole Source
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Steve Cocke, Buyer II, 974-2003
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	
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Related Items:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D 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.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of 2,800 24-gallon residential garbage carts, including lid graphics, for Austin Resource Recovery (ARR).

The garbage carts are to be issued for the ARR Pay-As-You-Throw Program, which requires ARR customers to use City-issued carts for the removal of residential garbage. The provision of 24-gallon garbage carts at a lower monthly rate than 32-, 64- and 96-gallon carts will advance the City's Zero Waste goals by encouraging customers to generate less waste and increase diversion of collected materials from landfills and incinerators. This purchase of 24-gallon garbage carts is necessary to provide a sufficient supply readily available to issue to customers upon request.

ARR staff conducted research in an attempt to identify multiple qualified suppliers of 24-gallon garbage carts. The department's investigation included online searches through municipal solid waste and recycling trade associations and publications. This led to the ultimate conclusion that Toter Incorporated, Statesville, NC is the sole available producer and supplier of 24-gallon garbage carts.
