

**Posting Language**

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Employee Owned Nursery Enterprises Ltd. D/B/A Organics by Gosh, to provide organics processing services, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,630,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the services required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

**Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

**Client Department(s)**

Austin Resource Recovery.

**Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$726,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1500 SLW1018 for these services. The solicitation issued on May 27, 2019 and it closed on June 27, 2019. The recommended contractor submitted the only responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bid received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](#).

**Prior Council Action:****For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or [AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov](mailto:AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov)

NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or [sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov](mailto:sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov).

**Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

September 4, 2019 – To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

**Additional Backup Information:**

The contract for organics processing is needed to accommodate the expansion of the organics collection program in Austin. The current curbside composting program handles material from approximately 90,000 customers and will add approximately 53,000 customers in 2019, with all remaining customers to be added in 2020. This contract will allow the diversion of food waste that is currently being sent to the landfill and help the City move closer to our Zero Waste and carbon-neutral goals.

The recommended contractor is the current provider of these services. The requested authorization amount was determined using departmental estimates based on historical spend and future usage.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	3 yrs.	\$2,178,000
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 726,000
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 726,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$3,630,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.