

CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION
VENDOR: WASTE MANAGEMENT OF TEXAS INC

COUNCIL DATE: 2/20/20

SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an emergency contract with Waste Management of Texas Inc., to provide collection, transportation, processing, and disposal of refuse, recycling, brush, and compostable materials generated by City facilities, for up to one year in an amount not to exceed \$1,068,000.

MBE/WBE: Contract is exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.

LEAD DEPARTMENT: Purchasing Office

CLIENT DEPARTMENTS: All City departments

FISCAL NOTE: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of various City departments.

PURCHASING: Public Health and Safety Emergency

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or AgendaOffice@austintexas.gov or to Sandy Wirtanen, at 512-974-7711 or sandy.wirtanen@austintexas.gov.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: February 5, 2020 – To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
February 12, 2020 – To be reviewed by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission.

ADDITIONAL BACKUP INFORMATION (RCA BODY)

The short-term contract will provide collection, transportation, processing, and disposal of refuse, recycling, brush, and compostable materials generated by City facilities for a period of six months until a new citywide contract can be executed.

Austin Resource Recovery does not provide waste collection services to City facilities due to the type of equipment required. Under this contract, most collection containers will be serviced on a weekly basis, with some sites utilizing roll-off containers, compactors, and balers that will be serviced as-needed. Additionally, the contract will provide services for the management and disposal of industrial Class 2 and non-hazardous special wastes for Austin Energy (AE), as well as for other departments as needed. AE manages several facilities and work sites that generate non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes, generally through routine maintenance activities. In order to comply with federal, state, and local regulations, AE requires the turn-key services of a waste disposal contractor to transport and dispose of the industrial Class 2 and non-hazardous special waste generated.

The current contract for these services expires on February 28, 2020. A solicitation for a new citywide contract for these services is currently under way and this temporary contract will prevent a lapse of these services until this new contract is in place. As the current provider of these services, the contractor is familiar with the work and with Austin's Zero Waste goals and has a history of providing quality services to the City.