



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract through the Texas Building and Procurement Commission with their contract vendor TOTER INC., Statesville, NC for the purchase of garbage carts for the Solid Waste Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$350,306.40.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Approved Operating Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Purchasing
DEPARTMENT: for Solid Waste Services;

**DIRECTOR'S
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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: October 10, 1991-Resolution to Approve Purchases from State Contracts

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Cooperative Purchasing.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract is for the purchase of 1,140 (30 gallon), 3,888 (60 gallon), and 5,184 (90 gallon) carts to be issued for the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS), Pay-As-You Throw Customers. The Pay-As-You-Throw Program requires City of Austin customers to use a City-issued garbage cart for removal of residential garbage. This program began in the Fall of 1993. This contract is necessary to support SWS with a reliable and continuous source of supply for the 30, 60 and 90 gallon carts. Periodically, SWS purchases carts of each size to keep a sufficient supply readily available to replace existing customers' broken carts, or to issue new carts to new customers on an as needed basis.

Toter Inc., Statesville, North Carolina is the cart manufacturer and supplier. Toter is under contract with the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) to supply these types/sizes of garbage carts statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process through TBPC. The City has previously purchased garbage carts manufactured by Toter and found them to perform satisfactorily. Purchase of garbage carts from Toter guarantees that all components (i.e. handles, wheels, lids, locking bars, etc.) are interchangeable, thus eliminating component problems associated with items not being in stock or available. Utilizing the TBPC contract provides volume discount pricing and the earliest opportunity to get delivery of the carts.

Toter garbage carts were last purchased from TBPC contract December, 2002 as follows:

| Cart Size | Unit Size-2002 | Current Unit Price | Percent Decrease |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 30 Gallon | \$ 30.10 | \$ 26.60 | 13 % |
| 60 Gallon | \$ 34.82 | \$ 34.10 | 2 % |
| 90 Gallon | \$ 39.01 | \$ 36.15 | 8 % |