



**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 TOTER INC., Statesville, NC, for garbage carts for the Solid Waste Services Department in an amount not to exceed \$471,710.64.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget for the Solid Waste Services Department.

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

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT:for Solid Waste Services; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: R.C. Hernandez, Senior Buyer, 974-6434

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Cooperative Purchase.

MBE / WBE: N/A

This contract is for 1,140 (30 gallon), 3,780 (60 gallon), and 6,171 (90 gallon) carts to be issued for the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS), Pay-As-You-Throw Program. 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., Stateville, North Carolina is the cart manufacturer and supplier. 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 unavailable.

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. Utilizing the TBPC contract provides volume discount pricing and the earliest opportunity for delivery of the carts.

Toter garbage carts were last purchased from TBPC in February 2004 as follows:

Cart Size	Unit-Price-2004	Current Unit Price	Percent Increase*
30 Gallon	\$ 27.93	\$34.09	22%
60 Gallon	\$ 36.33	\$41.96	15%
90 Gallon	\$ 38.48	\$44.44	15%

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* Increase due to price increase in plastic, metal and oil.