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**AGENDA**



Thursday, April 27, 2006

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**Purchasing Service Agreement  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL  
ACTION**

ITEM NO: 27

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a contract through the HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) with RUSH EQUIPMENT CENTER, Houston, TX, for the purchase of one trailer-mounted tub grinder in an amount not to exceed \$395,048.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**Additional Backup Material**

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 **HGAC RUSH  
EQUIPMENT**

**For More Information:**

**Prior Council Action:**

**Boards and Commission Action:**

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative Purchase.

This contract is for the purchase of one trailer-mounted tub grinder that will be assigned to the Landfill Division of the Solid Waste Services Department (SWS), to be used in connection with the yard waste/brush recycling program. This grinder is diesel-powered, and capable of processing tree stumps, logs, construction/demolition materials, and green waste into wood mulch at the rate of sixty tons per hour. Grinding brush and yard waste ensures that the City of Austin achieves recycling goals mandated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The material being fed into the grinder will be yard waste and brush from SWS curbside collection throughout the City by SWS, and brush collected by other City Departments on City property. The end-product mulch will be hauled to Hornsby Bend, where Austin Water Utility personnel will mix it with sewage sludge to produce Dillo Dirt, a fertilization product that the City sells to private vendors.

Rush Equipment Center is under contract with H-GAC to supply equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the H-GAC contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the equipment.

**CIP  
FISCAL NOTE**

**DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:**  
**WHERE ON AGENDA:**  
**DEPARTMENT:**

4/27/2006  
Resolution  
Solid Waste Services

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Parent Project Name:   | Capital Equipment Additions     |
| Project Authorization: | 2005-06 Approved Capital Budget |
| Funding Source:        | Current Revenue                 |

**Number:** 4800-157-0100-0103

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Current Appropriation | \$ 7,490,000.00        |
| Unencumbered Balance  | \$ 1,038,056.39        |
| Amount of This Action | <u>\$ (395,048.00)</u> |
| Remaining Balance     | <u>\$ 643,008.39</u>   |

**Ref. #: 4800-157-0100-0103**