

Thursday, June 10, 2010

## Law RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 13

**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Kelly Hart & Hallman in an amount not to exceed \$185,000 for legal services in connection with the negotiation and execution of contracts for the development of a Municipal Recycling Facility and the provision of recycling services.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$185,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Solid Waste Services Department.

On November 16, 2009, the City of Austin Solid Waste Services Department (SWS) advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking entities qualified and experienced in recyclable materials processing and marketing services to accomplish the following: receiving, sorting, processing, storing, marketing, selling, and transporting of recyclable material collected from the City's curbside and office recycling programs. The RFP also included a data sharing requirement to collect, analyze and disseminate information regarding the processing and marketing of recyclable material. The RFP specifically excluded collection services which are provided by SWS. The City has determined the highest ranked firm and will commence negotiating with that firm for contacts to develop a facility and provide single stream recycling services. Outside counsel will assist the city in its negotiations to obtain contracts with the selected firm.