



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3444, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

1/27/2021

Posting Language

Ratify a cooperative contract with Big Truck Rental, LLC, to provide collection truck rental, in the amount of \$560,880.

(Note: This 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 Department(s)

Austin Resource Recovery.

Fiscal Note

Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget of Austin Resource Recovery.

Purchasing Language:

Ratification.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 17, 2020 - Recommended unanimously by the Zero Waste Advisory Commission on a 9-0 vote, with two vacancies.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2020, Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) saw a delay of its 2019 and 2020 automated side loader fleet replacements that was the result of vendor manufacture quality defect issues in both model years. Fleet Mobility Services, ARR and Purchasing have been working closely with the manufacture to remediate the 2019/2020 manufacture defects. The delay in onboarding of viable new replacement assets and the negative impact to local vendor support as a result of COVID-19 have placed an extraordinary demand on existing fleet assets ultimately resulting in more repairs. This coupled with the challenges Fleet has experienced in hiring and retaining experienced mechanics due to a competitive job market has resulted in increased downtime.

In May 2020, the City entered into a rental agreement to rent four collection vehicles for two months in order to give the manufacture time to remediate manufacture deficiencies with its 2019 deliveries. Subsequently, Fleet found additional flaws with the braking system in the 2020 model year deliveries which resulted in ARR to request additional rental trucks to ensure they had the equipment necessary to meet household trash,

organics, and recyclable materials collection requirements. Failure to rent these additional vehicles would have forced ARR to temporarily suspend services in the curbside collection program and risk creating health and safety issues for our city.

U.S. Communities cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging larger volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All; Health and Environment.