



To: Zero Waste Advisory Commission  
 From: Bob Gedert, Department Director, Austin Resource Recovery  
 Date: November 9, 2016  
 Subject: **Contract for Dumpster Services at City Facilities**

7.725M  
 x 6  
 \$46.350 Million?

Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) is requesting the Zero Waste Advisory Commission (ZWAC) to provide a favorable ZWAC recommendation to the City Council for the authorization of an award and execution of a contract with Republic Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$16,995,000 for the provision of refuse, recycling, organics and special waste collection for city facilities over a six year (6) period.

Total value of \$17 Million or \$46 Million??

**Funding** Note that this doesn't identify this as the first 3 years. Was it a mistake or intentional?  
 Funding of the first year requirement (\$7,725,000) is included in the FY2016-17 approved operating budget of ARR and the other departments utilizing the contract. Funding of future years' requirements will be contingent upon future budget approval.

**Background**

The contract will provide transportation, collection, and processing of refuse, recycling, brush, and compostable materials generated by City department facilities, City co-sponsored special events and in the event of emergencies. This contract does not provide collection of material from non-City department facilities or events. In addition, the contract will provide services for the management and disposal of industrial Class 2 and non-hazardous special wastes for Austin Energy, and other departments as needed. (Special waste could include biosolids sludge disposal at a landfill and/or delivery of sludge to an off site compost facility.)

City co-sponsored events are not City events.

\* FALSE

ARR does not provide the services that are being contracted under this procurement action because it does not possess the type of equipment that is required. This procurement is a result of selecting the best evaluated offer received in response to a Request for Proposals issued by the Purchasing Office on June 6, 2016. Multiple city departments participate in this contract and each department is responsible for paying for services received.

Republic did not timely submit a response to this RFP.

**Contract Timeline**

November 9<sup>th</sup> – ZWAC recommends City Council approval of original contract with Republic Services, Inc.  
 December 1<sup>st</sup> – Target City Council date

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends City Council authorization of award and execution of a 72-month contract with Republic Services, Inc. for the provision of refuse, recycling, organics and special waste collection for city facilities, in an amount not to exceed \$16,995,000.

Then, why do they report that the first year's cost of this contract is estimated to be \$7,725,000.  
 6 x 7,725,000 = \$46,350,000 over 6 years.

Note: Staff is not asking for the approval of a 36-month contract with 3 one-year extensions. Staff is asking for a 6-year contract approval. Note: The WMI-ACL landfill is due to be filled in less than six years.

FALSE. The City has rolloff trucks & boxes. Staff has no authorization from Council to compete with private companies. This goes way beyond the current contract City now has with Republic.

Republic does not own local operating landfills, compost facilities or MRFs. Where will these materials be processed and landfilled? Are these facilities authorized to accept and process such materials? What are the specific prices quoted for which specific services? Where is the proposed contract and its incorporated RFP response? Does this contract include provisions for the City to own and control all compostable and recyclable materials collected? Can the City direct Republic to transport those materials to a different composter or MRF at any point in time? Can the City add solid waste, compostables and recyclables from additional special events, commercial business locations and from other City facilities as the City's existing contracts with other haulers expire without the City having to send those services out for bid again (i.e. the Airport bid, the Austin Energy wood recycling purchase orders, the Convention Center bid, and the downtown Central Business District contract)?