

Council Meeting of
August 28, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Public Works - Authorize purchase order for green waste automated curbside containers for the expansion of the green waste recycling pilot program. Expenditure: \$124,656.

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$124,656 from the Sanitation Enterprise Fund for the purchase of automated green waste containers; and
2. Authorize a purchase order with Toter Incorporated of Statesville, North Carolina in the amount of \$124,656 for the sole source purchase of 2,544 Toter automated curbside green waste containers. These additional containers are needed to expand the green waste collection pilot program with two additional routes.

Funding

Funding is available in the Sanitation Enterprise Fund.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The green waste recycling curbside collection pilot program was implemented on June 18, 2007. The program covers two routes on Mondays and Wednesday with approximately 750 homes on each route. To date, the program has been very successful, with early diversion rates reaching the 30% reduction anticipated by staff.

The program was originally planned for one year. However, due to the immense public interest in the program and the Department's ability to add two more days of service with no additional cost other than containers, staff would like to expand the program to include a Tuesday and Thursday route. This expansion will also allow staff to experiment with route size options, and test a container with vents designed to reduce odor omission.

Although the program has only operated for a short time, staff has already noted that the number of homes per route can be increased by nearly one-third. By expanding route coverage, the program may be eventually provided citywide due to lower labor and vehicle costs. Staff is requesting to purchase additional containers to

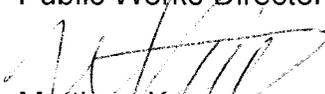
add two routes of about 900 homes per route and to increase the existing routes by 150 homes per route. The increase to the existing routes will allow staff the ability to measure the impact of the additional homes to the routes and determine actual capacity levels.

Due to the Toter brand product's superior durability and ease of maintenance, as well as the need to maintain a uniform appearance on collection days, the same brand of container will be purchased for the expansion of the green waste trial pilot program. This new green waste containers will be green, stamped with "Green Waste Only" on the lid, and 96 gallons in size (same configuration as the current green waste containers). The only difference will be the ventilation slits, which normally adds \$1.50 to each unit. However, the Toter company has lowered their per unit price for the City by \$1.25 per container. This reduction for the ventilation option will only add 25 cents more per unit than the standard container cost. Although there have not been any complaints from residents, staff has noticed a stronger odor from separated green waste than had been noticed with green waste mixed with trash. An inexpensive option is to have containers with vents for aeration. Otherwise, the containers will be identical to the first set purchased. The price per container is \$49 including the ventilation option.

This is a sole source purchase, as the container is the patented design of Toter Inc. and distributed only through Toter Incorporated. The Torrance Municipal Code, (Section 22.3.17.b), (EXCEPTIONS; SOLE-SOURCE PURCHASES) states that "sole source purchases shall mean those purchases where it would be undesirable or impossible for the City to advertise for bids for particular work or for patented items, or experimental or unique services or products, or where competitive purchases would be unavailable or would not prove advantageous for the City."

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. BESTE
Public Works Director

By: 
Matthew Knapp
Sanitation Services Manager

CONCUR:


Robert J. Beste
Public Works Director


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachments: A) Quote



August 21, 2007

PREPARED FOR: Mr. Matthew Knapp City of Torrance – Public Works Dept.	SHIP TO: 20500 Madrona Ave. Torrance, CA 90503
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MODEL #	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED
74896	96 Gallon Ventilated Yardwaste Cart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color: Green Body & Lid • Hot Stamp Graphics • Serial Number • 10 Year Warranty 	2544	\$49.00 Included Included Included	\$124,656
99FRT	Freight	4 TL	Included	

Estimated Deliver is approx: 6 weeks from receipt of Purchase Order

This proposal is subject to Toter's Standard Terms and Conditions following. Toter prices do not include state and local taxes, if applicable. Payment terms are Net 30 days after shipment. Delivery is subject to availability at time of order entry.

TOTER INCORPORATED:

ACCEPTED BY:

 Regional Manager

 City of Torrance

Date: _____

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