



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: January 10, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: **Issuance of Request for Proposals for Composting of Yard Wastes, and Street Sweeping Materials**

Recommendation:

That the appropriate City Officials be directed to issue a Request for Proposal for the composting of City-collected yard wastes and brush, and street sweepings.

Previous Directives:

- August, 2008 - Contract with OTI, Inc.
- July 25, 2008: Staff directed to negotiate a contract with RW Farms, LLC and Organic Technologies, Inc.
- September, 2003 – August, 2008, Contract with City of Hutchinson

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Financial Impact

No Financial Impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Nothing required at this time

City Goals: Eco-Focused

Comprehensive Plan: Consistent

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

Public Works has the need to procure environmentally friendly and cost-effective disposal services for various organic materials collected from the public right-of-way and residents. The department currently collects this material during fall street-leaf collection and street sweeping as well as seasonal yard waste collection for solid waste and recycling customers.

Public Works wishes to proceed with a Request For Proposals (RFP) for composting/disposal of these similar materials. The City of Minneapolis currently contracts, with Organic Technologies, Inc. for the processing and composting of yard wastes and street sweepings.

Staff recommends that a Request for Proposal be issued for composting/disposal of Fall Leaves and for composting/disposal of Yard Wastes and bundled brush.