



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

Date: February 28, 2012

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

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

Subject: **Contract Award to Specialized Environmental Technologies, Inc./SKB Environmental (SET/SKB) for Yard Waste Processing**

Recommendation:

Authorize proper City officials to negotiate and execute a contract with SET/SKB for yard waste processing for a period of 3 years at a rate of \$50.00/ton for approximately 50 % of the City's yard waste volume.

Previous Directives:

January 13, 2012 - RFP for Composting of Yard Wastes and Street Sweeping Materials: Authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the composting of City-collected yard wastes and brush, and street sweepings.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: David Herberholz, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling

Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification:
City Goals: Eco Focused
Comprehensive Plan:
Zoning Code:

Background/Supporting Information

On January 13, 2012, the City of Minneapolis – Department of Public Works issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Yard Waste Processing & Disposal Services And Street Sweepings Processing & Disposal Services.

Submittals were received on February 10, 2012 from Buberl Recycling & Composting Inc. and SET/SKB.

A panel of City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works staff was assembled to score the submittals based on the following criteria:

- A. Quality of proposal.
- B. Qualifications and experience of staff.
- C. Scope of Services.
- D. Financial responsibility and capacity of company.
- E. Organization and management approach and involvement.
- F. Small & Underutilized Business participation.
- G. Cost of services proposed.

The proposal of SET/SKB received the highest scoring of the two proposals received. SET/SKB's transfer site is located at 630 Malcolm Ave. SE (near University Avenue and Highway 280). SKB performed the contract from 1993-2000, fulfilling all of the terms of the City contract without violation.

The SET/SKB disposal cost will be \$12/ton more than our current contract. This is estimated to cost approximately \$102,000/year more in total, which can be accommodated within the existing budget and without directly affecting rates for solid waste and recycling customers. Although the cost is more, Public Works believes it is important to have an alternative disposal option to the current contract due to concerns with odor and regulatory compliance with the current contract. A contract with SET/SKB will allow the City to reduce the amount of material going to the existing transfer site by 50% and provide an alternative disposal option if issues continue with the current contract.