

Memo

To: Transportation & Public Works
Committee Members

From: Elizabeth Glidden,
Ward 8 City Council/Vice-Chair
Transportation and Public Works
Committee

Re: Competitive Proposals for contract collections
of solid waste, recyclables, metal items and
appliances, and yard wastes

Date: February 28, 2006

CC: Council Members
Mayor R.T. Rybak
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Susan Young, Public Works
Corey Conover, City Attorney's Office
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On February 10, 2006, the City Council directed staff to begin the Request for Proposal process for contract collections of solid waste, recyclables, metal items and appliances, and yard wastes. The Transportation and Public Works Committee was directed to report back to the full Council no later than March 31, 2006 with recommendations as to the specific goals that responses to the RFP should meet. It was directed that the RFP shall be issued on or before April 17, 2006.

In order to draft an RFP for collections that will meet the objectives of the policy makers, the following goals were gathered from individual meetings held with Council Members. These goals are stated below in no particular order.

- Goal A: Ensure same quality of service, or a higher quality of service, as we currently have.
- a) Existing provider has recognition or points for demonstrating quality of service.
 - b) Satisfaction measures to be included in RFP.
 - c) Consequences for failure to perform shall be significant, and stated in the RFP.
- Goal B: Minority/Women/Small Business should receive priority consideration
- a) Credit should be given to primary contractor that would sub-contract to women/minority businesses.
 - b) Divide area of contracting into up to 4 specific areas, with proposals to be accepted on from one-through all four-areas.
- Goal C: Explore City crews taking over entire contract area, or portion of contract area
- Goal D: Reduce waste and encourage recycling.
- a) Incentives to boost recycling.
 - b) Require new developments to incorporate recycling.
 - c) Educational outreach on recycling.

Discussion on these goals will take place at the Transportation & Public Works Committee on February 28, 2006. I have asked staff from the Department of Public Works, City Attorney's Office and Civil Rights to be on hand to answer questions.

In addition, many questions arose during the meetings that were held. Public Works staff will compile those questions and answers and provide that information in the near future.

Questions

1. What is the percentage goal for minorities in the current RFP as drafted?
2. What is the percentage of minority businesses/women owned businesses?
3. Where did the lobbying portion of RFP currently come from?
4. Can haulers use smaller trucks in alleys?
5. Is it possible to incorporate graffiti clean-up into the RFP?
6. How do we know that what we are asking the private side is similar to costs to what the City is doing?
7. Can resource management pricing be done on residential?
8. How is it possible to turn down the lowest bidder? If the lowest bidder is turned down, how does the Council eliminate/prevent the backlash?
9. How do we give priority also to locally-owned business?
10. What would be the increase cost to having recycling done every week?
11. Can we rotate City/Private sections?