



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

Date: April 29, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Request for Proposals for Yard Wastes, Street Sweepings and Organics material processing services.**

Recommendation:

Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Yard Wastes, Street Sweepings and Organics material processing services.

Previous Directives:

- September 20, 2013: Authorize proper city officers to negotiate and execute a one-year contract extension with Organic Technologies, Inc. (OTI) for yard waste processing, expiring December 31, 2014.
- March 8, 2012: Authorize proper city officers to negotiate and execute a contract with Specialized Environmental Technologies, Inc./SKB Environmental (SET/SKB) for the processing of approximately 50% of the City's yard waste and street sweepings for a period of three (3) years, expiring May 16, 2015.
- March 8, 2012: Authorize proper city officers to negotiate and execute an amendment of the RW Farms, LLC and Organic Technologies, Inc. (OTI) contract to include processing of approximately 50% of the City's yard waste and street sweepings by OTI, and the remaining 50% by a new contractor.
- January 23, 2009: Direct proper City officers to confirm the contract with RW Farms, LLC and Organic Technologies, Inc. in order to formally add the name of Organics Technologies, Inc. to the contract for compositing of yard wastes and street sweepings.
- July 25, 2008: Authorize proper city officers to negotiate and execute a contract with RW Farms and/or Resource Technologies, LLC for processing of the City's yard waste and street sweepings.

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval TBD Date May 1, 2014
- Civil Rights Approval Approval TBD Date May 1, 2014
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval Date

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action is within the Business Plan

Community Impact

City Goals: Maintain the physical infrastructure to ensure a healthy, vital and safe city

Supporting Information

Public Works needs to procure environmentally friendly and cost-effective processing services for yard waste and various organic materials collected from residents and the public right-of-way. The Division of Transportation Maintenance and Repair conducts fall street-leaf collection and sweeping. The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling conducts seasonal yard waste collections and may offer year-round residential organics collection services in the near future. These divisions wish to cooperate on a joint Request for Proposals (RFP) for composting/disposal of these similar materials for a more efficient procurement process and to obtain the most competitive proposals. The City of Minneapolis currently contracts with SET and Organic Technologies, Inc. for the processing and composting of yard wastes and street sweepings.

Staff recommends that a Request for Proposals be issued for composting/disposal of Fall Leaves and for composting/disposal of Yard Wastes and bundled brush, with the option of composting/disposal of additional residential organic materials.