



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

**Date:** July 15, 2008

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

**Referral:** Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chair, Ways and Means Committee

**Subject:** **Negotiation and contract(s) execution for Composting/Disposal of street sweepings, yard wastes, and leaves from Fall street sweeping program.**

**Recommendation:**

That the appropriate City Officials be directed to negotiate and execute a contract with RW Farms, LLC and/or Resource Recovery Technologies, LLC,

**Previous Directives:**

Staff was directed to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for cost-effective and environmentally responsible disposal services for Street Sweepings, fall leaf sweepings and seasonal Yard Wastes collection

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**Presenters:** Susan Young, Michael Kennedy

**Reviews**

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information) Financial resources are contained within the Solid Waste & Recycling and Sewer Enterprise Funds.
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

## **Background/Supporting Information**

The Division of Transportation Maintenance and Repair conducts street and alley sweeping and fall street-leaf collection. The Division of Solid Waste and Recycling conducts seasonal yard wastes collections. The Divisions cooperated on a Joint Request For Proposals (RFP) for composting/disposal of these similar materials, to achieve efficiency in the procurement process and to obtain most competitive proposals. It was recognized by the Divisions and presented in the RFP that one or more contracts could result from this process, which would accommodate the specific needs of the two Divisions.

Three proposals were received:

1. Sylva Corporation, Inc.
2. RW Farms, LLC, Organic Technologies, Inc. and All Wood Products (combined proposal, hereafter called RW Farms),
3. Resource Recovery Technologies, LLC (RRT).

Review of the three proposals by staff has concluded that the proposal from Sylva Corporation was not completely responsive to the City's RFP, and lacked operational and processing detail. Staff believes that additional negotiations with RW Farms and RRT could result in the most cost-effective, operationally efficient and environmentally beneficial outcomes for the City. Specifically, the proposal from RRT provides a better operations and price fit for the needs of Transportation Maintenance and Repair for street sweepings and bunched leaves, and the proposal from RW Farms provides a better operations and price fit for Solid Waste and Recycling for yard wastes, brush and a citizen drop off program.