

# Agenda Report

August 8, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Department of Public Works

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONTRACT WITH TOTER INCORPORATED FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3,000 ROTATIONAL MOLDED AUTOMATED REFUSE CONTAINERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 FOR ONE YEAR**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that this action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the issuance of a purchase order contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 without competitive bidding pursuant to the City Charter Section, 1002(H), contracts with other governmental entities or their contractors for labor, materials, supplies or services to Toter Incorporated; and
3. Grant the proposed purchase order contract an exemption from the competitive selection process pursuant to Pasadena Municipal Code Section 4.08.049(B), contracts for which the City's best interests are served.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Street Maintenance and Integrated Waste Management Division (SMIWM) of the Public Works Department has purchased all residential automated refuse containers exclusively from Toter Incorporated since it transitioned to automated refuse collection in 1993. Toter Incorporated is the only manufacturer of rotationally molded automated refuse containers that come in 32, 64 and 96 gallon sizes, which are the three specific sizes that residents can choose from through the City's Pay as You Throw refuse collection program. Rotationally molded containers are much stronger and more flexible than the more common injection molded containers and the rotation molding process

ensures a uniform wall body and superior strength versus the injection molded containers. The injection molding containers have empirically been known to have brittle bodies and weak corners that contribute to premature failure. The City of Pasadena's original specifications for the containers specify they must be rotationally molded. There are approximately 90,000 containers located at residential properties throughout Pasadena and many have been in service for close to twenty years. The use of one standard rotationally molded manufactured container also simplifies container repair and cuts down on the excessive cost of having multiple manufactures' parts in our inventory stock. As a part of a long term container replacement program, the City purchases approximately 1,500 automated refuse containers each year at a cost of \$74,000. This year staff is requesting to purchase approximately 3,000 automated refuse containers in order to supply the Department of Public Works with the volume and size of containers needed to accommodate change requests from various residents throughout the year.

The quoted prices received by the City for the 32, 64 and 96 gallon automated refuse containers from Toter Incorporated are from the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) competitive procurement contract #120576 awarded by the City of Tucson, Arizona. The City of Tucson, AZ award includes a broad menu of options so that each participating agency may customize their carts for the particular needs of their community. The City is able to take advantage of these reduced prices as Toter Incorporated will honor the high volume pricing schedule from this awarded contract. All agreements offered through National IPA have been awarded via a thorough Request for Proposal (RFP) competitive solicitation by a public agency/governmental entity. National IPA ensures that contracts are awarded utilizing industry best practices, processes and procedures, ensuring maximum value and absolute security with complete transparency of the process.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plan Goals to maintain fiscal responsibility and stability and to increase conservation and sustainability.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

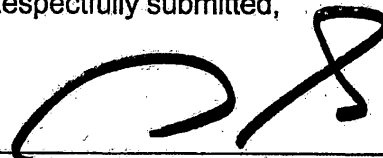
This action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3), the General Rule that CEQA applies only to projects which may have an effect on the environment.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The cost of this action is \$150,000. Funding will be addressed by the utilization of existing budgeted appropriations in the Public Works Department, Street Maintenance Integrated Waste Management operating budget (account 810100-40622019).

Respectfully submitted,



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