

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE March 22, 2013

TO Honorable Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Sandy Greyson,
Delia Jasso, Vonciel Jones Hill, Pauline Medrano

SUBJECT **Resource Recovery Planning Study**

On March 27, 2013 Council will consider an agenda item to award a contract to SAIC Energy, Environment & Infrastructure, LLC (SAIC) to provide consultation services related a Resource Recovery Planning Study. Financing: \$215,600 (General Fund).

As you are aware, the City is responsible for and committed to sustainable solid waste management practices. Additionally, Council recently adopted a Local Solid Waste Management Plan with a goal to achieve "Zero Waste" by 2040. In order to work towards that goal the City needs to begin planning for the transition from a landfill-based solid waste system to a Resource Recovery system.

Resource Recovery is not a single method or technology, but rather a strategic system of methods used to reclaim resources from the waste stream with beneficial reuse potential. Diverting or reusing waste is not only sustainable, but also results in a reduction in the amount of waste buried at the McCommas Bluff Landfill. The goal of Resource Recovery is to extract the maximum benefits from the waste stream through increased recycling, reuse, mixed waste processing and/or composting.

There are many complex factors to consider, specifically are any existing or emerging technologies financially, technically, and environmentally viable. Therefore, staff developed a request for qualifications and contract for consulting services related to these questions.

Please let me know if you need additional information.



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Cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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