

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Janie B. Cantu, Director of Purchasing & General Services

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES: Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager;
Daniel Cardenas, Director of Environmental Services; File

SUBJECT: Tub Grinder

DATE: August 28, 2003

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION:

This ordinance authorizes the Purchasing & General Services Department to accept the proposal submitted by Vermeer Equipment of Texas, Inc. to provide a tub grinder for the City of San Antonio Environmental Services Department. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Submitted for council consideration and action is a proposal submitted by Vermeer Equipment of Texas, Inc. to provide the City of San Antonio Environmental Services Department with a tub grinder.

This equipment is used as part of the City's efforts to recycle materials. The program provides bulk mulch from the City's brush collection and makes it available for sale to the citizens for use in lawn maintenance. The Environmental Services Department accepts clean brush trimmings and leaves for disposal at the Bitters Brush Recycling Center located at 1800 Old Bitters Road. San Antonio citizens may dispose of up to 700 pounds free of charge. Commercial and non San Antonio residents may also dispose of brush at this site for a fee. Approximately 10,000 tons of brush are accepted at this site annually. The site is open seven days per week, and all of the brush accepted at the site is recycled.

Brush is recycled into mulch by grinding the brush with various wood grinders. The first pass through the grinder produces a course-ground mulch that is given away free of charge. This course-ground mulch is ground a second time to produce a fine-ground, landscape quality mulch that is sold for \$0.03 per pound. Bulk loading is provided with this fee. In addition to course and fine ground mulch, the Environmental Services Department also recycles Christmas trees each year and provides this mulch free of charge, while it lasts.

This contract will provide the Environmental Services Department with one tub grinder, which will replace a twenty-month old unit that was destroyed by fire at the Bitters Road Brush Recycling Center on June 22, 2003. The new unit is expected to be operational for 10 years. This contract includes a one-year warranty and 8 hours of training. Delivery will be made within 7 days from receipt of order, so that operations may resume as expeditiously as possible.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

This contract will provide the Environmental Services Department with a tub grinder, which will be utilized at the Bitters Brush site for shredding brush into coarse mulch.

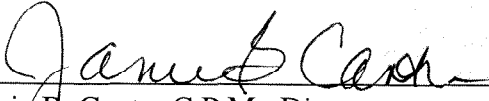
This ordinance authorizes the purchase of this equipment in accordance with the Interlocal Participation Agreement with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative Ordinance 97097. This cooperative is administered by the Texas Association of Counties. The products and services that are part of the cooperative have been competitively bid and awarded by the Cooperative's Board of Trustees based on Texas Statutes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost of this contract is \$350,000.00. Funding will be from the Solid Waste Fund with reimbursement from insurance funds. All expenditures will be in accordance with the FY02-03 Budget approved by City Council.

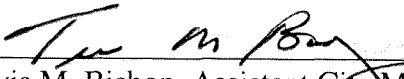
COORDINATION

This ordinance has been coordinated with the City of San Antonio Environmental Services Department.




Janie B. Cantu, C.P.M., Director
Purchasing & General Services

Approved:



Travis M. Bishop, Assistant City Manager
City Manager's Office



Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

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BID TABULATION

TUB GRINDER

Vermeer Equipment of Texas, Inc.
1945 Louis Henna Blvd.
Round Rock, Texas 78664

1 EACH – TUB GRINDER

PRICE TOTAL \$350,000.00

MFR. & MODEL NO. Vermeer TG525AL

TERMS Net 30

DELIVERY 7 Days ARO

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