



Agenda Action Form Overview

The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement with Orange County for the disposition of source separated glass.

Background/Justification

Currently, Durham County's Solid Waste Division offers unincorporated residents the opportunity to recycle curbside and at the County's four Convenience Sites. Recycling is collected commingled, meaning all recyclable material can be mixed together. Unfortunately over the last several years, the cost to recycle has increased significantly. Tipping fees have increased from \$19/ton in FY19 to an average of \$76/ton in FY20 and a projected average of \$126 per ton in FY21. In order to address the rising costs, Durham County will ask residents to remove glass, the heaviest item in the recycling stream, from their commingled recycling. Residents will be able to recycle glass separately in "Glass Only" containers located at the Bahama, Parkwood, and Redwood Convenience Sites. Through this Interlocal Agreement, the separated glass will be taken to Orange County for processing with a \$0/ton tipping fee. Initial estimates indicate the separation of glass will avoid \$44,000 in commingled recycling tipping fees. Orange County will also retrofit up to 3 of the County's commingled recycling contains for glass only collection at no cost to Durham County.

Policy Impact

This agenda item is consistent with historical Board of County Commissioner support for environmental initiatives including recycling. This action does not require BOCC policy changes.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption



- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☒ Other (please explain) This is an interlocal agreement with Orange County

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, why? _____ This is an interlocal agreement with Orange County

Fiscal Impact

This ILA does not require the expenditure of funds and will help to avoid some of the rising costs of commingled tipping fees paid from the Solid Waste Division budget.

Recommendation

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