


Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 16, 2003

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
From:  Phil Kamlarz, Acting City Manager
Subject: Contract: Mattress Recycling and Disposal Services

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a sole-source contract and any amendments with St. Vincent de Paul Society for mattress recycling and disposal services, for the period of February 1, 2004 through January 31, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Staff estimates that expenditures for mattress recycling services will be approximately \$65,000, for 10,000 mattresses in FY 2004. Sufficient funds are available in the adopted budget for the Refuse Fund in FY2004 (Budget Code 820-5607-432.30-38 and CMS #CI3WG) to cover contract costs. The Transfer Station charges a fee to the public for disposal of mattresses that covers the cost of recycling services and handling.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Solid Waste Management Division began disposing of mattresses through an informal agreement with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the only local company providing recycling and disposal services for mattresses, in January 2001. Since the service started, the vendor has increased the per piece fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00, and staff has negotiated fees for the vendor to haul mattresses from the Transfer Station to the vendor's mattress plant in Oakland. The current overall unit cost, including hauling, is \$6.50 per piece.

The number of mattresses delivered to the Transfer Station increased dramatically through the first 18 months of the program, but appears to have stabilized to a slow but steady growth rate. In the first quarter of FY2004, the Transfer Station recycled 1,900 mattresses at an approximate cost of \$12,350. Because the cost of this service will soon eclipse \$25,000, Council authorization for a contract is required. Staff estimates that the cost for mattress recycling in FY2004 will be approximately \$65,000, and will increase as more mattresses are delivered in the second and third years of the contract. Therefore, in order to accommodate continued growth in demand for mattress recycling, staff proposes that the not-to-exceed amount for the three year contract be \$250,000.

BACKGROUND

The City's Solid Waste Transfer Station has accepted mattresses from the public for a fee for nearly three years. The Transfer Station also accepts mattresses that have been unlawfully

disposed of on public property and delivered by staff, and mattresses collected through the annual cleanup program. Mattresses and box springs collected at the Transfer Station are recycled by St. Vincent de Paul Society at their plant in Oakland.

The Transfer Station recycled 182 tons of mattresses in FY2003; the program has proved to be an effective and important contribution to the City's 52% diversion achievement.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Currently there are no other mattress recyclers in the Bay Area.

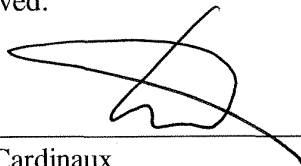
ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

No viable alternatives exist at this time.

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Approved:



Rene Cardinaux
Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT AND ANY AMENDMENTS WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOR MATTRESS RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL SERVICES, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2007, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley accepts mattresses for recycling at the Solid Waste Transfer Station; and

WHEREAS, St. Vincent de Paul Society is the only mattress recycler in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, mattress recycling is an essential activity for meeting the solid waste diversion requirements established by AB939 and Alameda County Measure D; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current year budget in the Refuse Fund, budget code 820-5607-432.3038, and a contract was entered into the City contract database and assigned CMS #CI3WG.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute a sole-source contract and any amendments with St. Vincent de Paul Society for mattress recycling and disposal services for three years in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to (be paid from budget code 820-5607-432.30-38). A record signature copy of said agreement and any amendments to be on file in the office of the City Clerk.