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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

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Recycling Center
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Refuse Collection

Date: September 16, 2013

Re: Request for Issue a Purchase Order for Containers for the Refuse Collection Program

Introduction:

The City of Muscatine's Refuse Collection program requested bids for 800 containers for refuse collection pilot program. Three bids were received on September 5, 2013.

Background:

During the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget presentation for Refuse Collection, staff recommended a pilot program to start moving refuse collection into automated collection. The pilot program would add containers to approximately 750 households that are currently on the commercial route for collection. The request for bids included 700, 65-gallon containers and 100, 35-gallon containers.

The program would start as a semi-automated collection program but would allow a step approach to moving our community into automated collection of waste. More containers would be added in the future and eventually automated collection trucks would be purchased.

The three bids received on September 5, 2013 are as follows:

Elliot Equipment Company – Schaffer Containers	\$41,706.00
Toter, LLC	\$35,633.00
Rehrig Pacific Company	\$34,925.00

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the purchase of 800 containers from Rehrig Pacific Company for \$34,925. The pilot project budgeted \$50,000 to purchase tippers and containers. The total project with containers comes to \$58,143. This is over the expected cost for the pilot project; however, the Refuse Collection program has not had a full time position filled since May 2013. The position was in the current budget but has not filled to prepare for future changes in the program moving towards automated collection of waste. The extra cost for the pilot program would be absorbed in the cost savings from personnel.