

Recycle Cart System Upgrade

Item 15-00701

This item pertains to a proposed upgrade to our recycle cart tracking system, which has been inoperable since January 2015 for a yet undetermined reason. This tracking system essentially satisfies portions of our State Recycling Grant reporting requirements which currently provide the City \$316,000 annually for the operation of the recycling program. It also provides us a means of tracking the locations and usage of recycling carts which aids us in our internal management of the recycling program.

Extensive troubleshooting of the existing system under our current system operating contract with Rehrig Pacific Company has identified the cause of the tracking system failure to be equipment related which will require potentially expensive repairs to a system that is approaching the end of its service life.

As an alternative to the City paying for the repair of an aging hardware system, Rehrig has made an offer to resolve this problem by replacing the existing tracking system with the next generation system. Rehrig Pacific is offering us a \$1,400 credit for the 7 months of inoperable service plus a 38% discount on the new tracking system.

After reviewing this offer from Rehrig, we believe their offer will adequately compensate the City for the loss system operability while providing us with the latest tracking technology. We recommend that the City pursue negotiations with Rehrig to proceed with the procurement of this next generation tracking system.