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CITY OF FORT WORTH OPENS TWO CONVENIENCE CENTERS FOR RECYCLING AND DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Situation

Before the City of Fort Worth started its recycling program in March 2003, it recycled only 6 percent (by weight) of all its household trash. Today, the City recycles an average of 20 percent of its trash. Maintaining its commitment to providing alternatives for recycling and disposing of household waste continues to be a top priority. In doing so, the City identified the need to provide its residents with two geographically located facilities for disposing of household bulk waste and recyclables free of charge.

AUI was hired to build the Brennan Street Citizen Convenience Service Center at 2400 Brennan Street and the Southeast Citizen Convenience Service Center at 5150 Martin Luther King Jr. Freeway (U.S. Highway 287). After seeking design/build proposals from various contractors, the City selected AUI Contractors because AUI offered the best dollar value for the project and, the City already had a

Project Description.....	Two municipal consumer drop-off recycling centers
Owner.....	City of Fort Worth
Location.....	Brennan Street and Southeast Citizen Convenience Service Centers
Value.....	\$1.7 million
Architect.....	Freese-Nichols
Completion Date.....	December 2005

successful working relationship with the company based on previous completed projects. Construction on these recycling center projects started in March 2005 and was completed by December 2005.

Challenge

While the initial City of Fort Worth proposal called for the project to be completed in 12 months, it actually took more than 2 years to complete due to the necessity for multiple design changes that were required to appease nearby residents, as well as address an early budget overrun of nearly \$85,000. One of AUI's major challenges was dealing with material cost increases that occurred over the two-year period. AUI also had to meet specific requirements for Minority

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and Women-Owned-Business subcontractor percentage involvement to fulfill its contractual obligations on the project.

Solution

AUI collaborated closely with the project's architectural design firm, Freese & Nichols, to ensure that design modifications addressed the concerns of area residents. In addition, they also overcame the budget overrun prior to construction by adjusting site elevations to decrease the amount of fill dirt needed to be brought in to complete the project.

With years of experience executing municipal projects, AUI has worked successfully with many Minority and Women-Owned-Business subcontractors. AUI sought proposals from various subcontractors that met these qualifications, and met its contractual obligations for the project.



Results

Designed with residents' needs in mind, the Brennan Street and Southeast Citizen Convenience Service Centers are two model facilities. These facilities showcase how a municipality and its citizens can work together to increase their cumulative recycling efforts and properly dispose of household waste materials such as brush, old furniture, appliances, used batteries, tires and more.

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About AUI

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