Thursday, May 3, 2007

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 19

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with BARE SPOT SOLUTIONS, Wharton, Texas for Tifway 419 bermuda grass sprigs and sod in an amount not to exceed \$88,945.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No Subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase and planting of Tifway 419 Bermuda grass sprigs and sod for Jimmy Clay/ Roy Kizer Golf Course. The 419 Bermuda grass is required to complete the Jimmy Clay renovation project. The 419 Bermuda sprigs shall be used on 210,000 square feet of fairways, roughs, and tee boxes that are currently under renovation.

The 419 Bermuda sod shall be used on 263,500 square feet of sod slope areas around green complexes and tee complexes to provide soil stabilization during the grow-in process due to heavy watering cycles that will be implemented during this period. The purchasing of the grass and the planting services are imperative so that scheduling dates are met in order to proceed with the final phases of the renovation project. The schedule for re-opening the golf course for public play is August 1, 2007.

MBE/WBE solicited: 16/10 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate Competition.
- b. Thirty-eight notices were sent, including 16 MBEs and 10 WBEs. Three bids were received, with no response from the MBEs/WBEs.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 3% increase to the last purchase made in May 2006.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing office concurs with Parks and Recreation Department's recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.