

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 28

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract with ALL SEASON TURF GRASS INC., Brookshire, Texas for the purchase and planting of sod at Zilker Park in an amount not to exceed \$420,789.60.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$420,789.60 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Purchasing Language: Lowest of six 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 to buy the Tifway Bermuda grass sod for the Zilker Park Improvement Project which involves leveling of the grounds, installing irrigation and planting a more durable grass sod on approximately 46 acres of parkland in Zilker Park.

The Tifway 419 turf covers quickly after installation and is highly foot-traffic tolerant allowing the park to be reopened and available for public use faster than any other method of re-vegetation.

This type of re-vegetation project, including large improvements has been successful in the past for high use park areas such as the Roy Kizer Golf Complex and the Jimmy Clay Golf Course. Solid sod needs to be installed for rapid turf coverage to minimize the time the park would be closed for public use.

MBE/WBE solicited: 1/6

MBE/WBE bid: 0/1

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Twenty-four notices were sent, including one MBE and six WBEs. Six bids were received, including one WBE.
- c. This is the first purchase of this size; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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