SUBJECT: Authorize award and execution of a contract with NEESE MATERIALS, INC., for the purchase of golf course greens mix for the Morris Williams Golf Course for the Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed $317,818.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department: Parks and Recreation
Project Name: Morris Williams Golf Course
Fund/Department/Unit: 8603 8607 6490
Funding Source: 2006 GO Bonds

Current Appropriation: 1,563,217.00
Unencumbered Balance: 750,467.77
Amount of This Action: (317,818.00)
Remaining Balance: 432,649.77

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This contract is for the purchase of golf course greens mix for the Morris Williams Golf Course.

The City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department has begun renovations to the Morris Williams Golf Course. The renovation will be completed utilizing in-house Golf Division staff. The current scope of the project includes re-shaping greens and tees, leveling fairways, and re-grassing the course with new hybrid Bermuda grass. Forthcoming on a separate Request for Council Action will be the purchase of the sprigs and sod needed to complete the turf installation at Morris Williams Golf Course. Other planned improvements include drainage repairs, irrigation expansion, and cart path replacement.

The greens mix specified in the solicitation is an approved United States Golf Association (USGA) growing medium necessary to complete renovations at the facility USGA greens mix enables the Golf Course Superintendent to maintain a high quality turf-surface for public play. The greens mix is made up of a sand particle and organic matter which promotes proper moisture control to obtain a healthy high-traffic tolerant turf.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

BID TABULATION
IFB SAP0161 (1 line item)

Neese Material, Inc. $317,817.50
Garland, TX

Osburn Materials, Inc. $329,257.50
San Antonio, TX

A copy of the complete bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office and is on the City of Austin, FASD Purchasing Office website.
a. Adequate competition.
b. Fifty-three notices were sent, including three MBEs. There are no known WBEs available for this commodity. Two bids were received. The MBEs did not respond.
c. This is the first recent purchase of its type; therefore, there is no pricing history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

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