

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 13PCOOP OP 2017025 TORO GROUNDSMASTER MOWERS

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize the Purchase of Two Mowers for the Park & Recreation Department in an Amount Up to \$243,933.35 from Professional Turf Products, L.P., Using OMNIA Cooperative Contract 2017025

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of two mowers for the Park & Recreation Department in an amount up to \$243,933.35 from Professional Turf Products, L.P., using OMNIA Cooperative Contract 2017025.

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication ("M&C") is to authorize purchase of two new mowers for the Park & Recreation Department (PARD)

The Property Management Department/Fleet Division approached Purchasing for assistance with buying two mowers for PARD, which will be used for mowing parks throughout the City of Fort Worth (City). Requested mowers will be replacements for old units that can no longer be economically maintained.

Fleet requested quotes from 25 suppliers and obtained a cooperative quote in an amount up to \$243,933.35 for two (2) Toro Groundsmaster 5900 (T4) units from Professional Turf Products, L.P., using OMNIA Cooperative Contract 2017025. The Toro Company sells apparatus through OMNIA from authorized distributors. The regional distributor for Texas is Professional Turf Products, L.P.

The new mowers meet required specifications and are expected to operate satisfactorily during their service lives of ten years. Warranty information, manufacturer's Statement of Origin, and original sales invoice will accompany the new units upon delivery. Staff recommends awarding an agreement with Professional Turf Products, L.P. for buying two mowers in an amount up to \$243,933.35.

An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code; such action does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

State law provides that a local government purchasing an item under a cooperative purchasing agreement satisfies state laws requiring that the local government seek competitive bids for purchase of the items. OMNIA Cooperative contracts have been competitively bid to increase and simplify the purchasing power of government entities. OMNIA has partnered with the City of Mesa, AZ Purchasing Division, and issued Request For Proposal (RFP)#2017025 on October 25, 2016, to establish a national cooperative contract for grounds maintenance equipment, parts, accessories, supplies, related services and equipment. The Toro Company executed the agreement with an effective date of April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2022.

An M/WBE goal is not assigned when purchasing from an approved purchasing cooperative or other public entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Vehicle And Equip Replacement Fund for the Park & Rec Vehicle Replacement project to support the approval of the above recommendation and award of agreement. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Property Management Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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