

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
PURCHASING DIVISION**

DATE: June 2, 2022

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Annual Bid 2022048 for Mowing at Fire Rescue Stations

BACKGROUND:

On November 12, 2020, the Board awarded bid 2021004 for grounds mowing at the 13 permanent County Fire Stations to Higher Ground Land Services, LLC of Okeechobee for an annual price of \$52,608. The initial term of the award was one year, with the first one-year renewal executed, effective December 1, 2021. On March 31, 2022, the contractor notified staff of its intent to execute the 30-day notice of termination, as they were ceasing operations.

BID RESULTS:

Advertising Date: April 13, 2022
 Bid Opening Date: May 11, 2022
 Solicitation Broadcast to: 230 Subscribers
 Bid Documents Requested by: 15 Firms
 Replies: 6 Firms

	Bidder	Location	Total Annual Bid
1.	Taking Ground Lawn & Landscape, Inc.	Vero Beach	\$54,900.00
2.	Herndon Landscape Group	Okeechobee	\$62,820.00
3.	Garrett Property Management, LLC	Vero Beach	\$67,200.00
4.	Kerner LLC, dba Kerner Environmental*	Stuart	\$83,912.64
5.	J-Mac Cleaning Services, Inc.	Miami	\$86,400.00
6.	Stewart and Sons Straight Cuts & More	Fort Pierce	\$143,762.76

*Mathematical error in extension of unit prices-correct sum shown

ANALYSIS:

The department reviewed the bids submitted, and has determined Taking Ground Lawn and Landscape, LLC to be the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. The contractor has been mowing Station 7, at a price of \$200 per month, since March of 2021 under a purchase order, and

took over the interim mowing at Stations 1-6 and 8-14, on April 22, 2022, after providing a quote for each of the stations.

The new bid represents a \$108 decrease in the total annual cost of mowing at Stations 1-14 (the previous bid for Stations 1-6 and 8-14 was for \$52,608).

FUNDING:

Funding is available in the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue Other Professional Services Account.

Account Number	Account Name	Cost for Remainder of FY
11412022-033190	Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Other Professional Services	\$18,300

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board award bid 2022048 to Taking Ground Lawn and Landscape, LLC, authorize the Purchasing Division to issue blanket purchase orders to the awarded bidder after receipt and approval of the required insurance by the Risk Manager, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to renew this bid for two (2) additional one (1) year periods subject to satisfactory performance, vendor acceptance, and the determination that renewal of this annual bid is in the best interest of Indian River County.