

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

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**DATE:** November 2, 2020

**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 2021004 for Mowing at Fire Rescue Stations

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**BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, sealed bids were solicited for grounds mowing at the 13 permanent County Fire Stations (Stations 7 and 15 have no areas that require mowing). No current contract is in place for this work. The proposed initial term of the award is one year, with two one-year renewal terms available, subject to vendor acceptance, satisfactory performance, and staff’s determination that a renewal would be in the best interest of Indian River County.

**BID RESULTS:**

Advertising Date: September 16, 2020  
 Bid Opening Date: October 9, 2020  
 Solicitation Broadcast to: 152 Subscribers  
 Bid Documents Requested by: 14 Firms  
 Replies: 4 Firms

	<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Total Annual Bid</b>
1.	Higher Ground Land Services, LLC	Okeechobee	\$52,608.00
2.	Jeffrey Hogues Lawn Care	Vero Beach	\$80,000.00
3.	J-MAC Cleaning Services, Inc.	Miramar	\$86,400.00
4.	Safeway Services Group, Inc.	Orlando	\$199,322.10

**ANALYSIS:**

The department reviewed the bids submitted, including qualifications and references, and has determined Higher Ground Land Services, LLC to be the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder.

**FUNDING:**

Funding is budgeted and available in the Emergency Services District/Fire Rescue/Other Contractual Services Account (11412022-033490).

Account Name	Account Number	Amount
ESD/Fire Rescue/Other Contractual Services	11412022-033490	\$52,608.00

The bids received are on file with the Purchasing Division.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board award bid 2021004 to Higher Ground Land Services, LLC, authorize the Purchasing Division to issue blanket purchase orders to the awarded bidder, 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.