

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION

DATE: December 26, 2018

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Budget Director

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Bid 2019007 – Natural Areas & Exotic Vegetation Management/Mowing

**BACKGROUND:**

The Parks Division requested the solicitation of bids to provide mowing and vegetation management for conservation areas and other public lands. The County currently manages and maintains more than 2,500 acres and 25 miles of trails on conservation lands. Multiple conservation areas are also being opened to the public for passive recreation. Finally, the Sebastian Area-wide Florida Scrub-Jay Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) requires regular mechanical treatment for land management. This is a new solicitation, with a term of one year, with two one-year renewals available, subject to vendor acceptance, satisfactory performance and determination that renewal will be in the best interest of the County.

**BID RESULTS:**

Advertising Date: November 12, 2018  
 Bid Opening Date: December 12, 2018  
 Demandstar Broadcast to: 840 Subscribers  
 Bid Documents Downloaded by: 22 Vendors  
 Replies: 1 Vendor

Hourly rate with Operator						
Bidder	Location	Excavator w/mower head (50,000 lb/300 hp aux)	Track Type Whole Tree Chipper	Skid Steer Mower	Excavator w/mower head (40,000 lb/175 hp aux)	Excavator w/ root rake & thumb only
John Brown and Sons, Inc. FL	Vero Beach	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$112.50	\$165.00	\$125.00

ANALYSIS:

Mowing and vegetation management by mechanical means is a more efficient way to control exotics, clear new trails and maintain firebreaks and trails. This bid is anticipated to be utilized by multiple County departments, as needed. John Brown and Sons has provided similar services to the Parks Division and other County departments in the past several years and has performed well.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

The estimated annual cost for exotic vegetation mowing for conservation lands management is \$20,000. Funding is available from the MSTU Fund/Parks Conservation/Other Contractual Services Account 00421072-033490.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board award bid 2019007 to John Brown and Sons, Inc. FL. Staff also recommends the Board approve the sample agreement and authorize the Chairman to execute it after review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency, and after approval of the required insurance by the Risk Manager.

Attachment

Sample Agreement