

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

DATE: January 24, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Award of Bid 2022027 for Natural Areas and 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 previous bid was awarded by the Board to John Brown & Sons, Inc. on January 8, 2019, with the final term of the agreement expiring on January 7, 2022. The term of the new bid is 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: December 15, 2021
 Bid Opening Date: January 12, 2022
 Broadcast to: 530 Subscribers
 Bid Documents Obtained by: 7 Vendors
 Replies: 2 Vendors

Firm	Location
John Brown & Sons, Inc.	Vero Beach
Ground Level, Inc.	Wauchula

Item #	Description	John Brown & Sons Hourly Rate	Ground Level, Inc. Hourly Rate
1.	Hydraulic Excavator 50,000 lbs min. with operator minimum of 300 hp auxiliary engine with mower head	\$225	\$269
2.	Track Type Whole Tree Chipper with operator	\$250	\$644

Item #	Description	John Brown & Sons Hourly Rate	Ground Level, Inc. Hourly Rate
3.	Skid Steer Mower with operator	\$125	\$148
4.	Hydraulic Excavator, 40,000 lbs min. with operator minimum auxiliary power 175 HP with mower head	\$175	\$192
5.	Hydraulic Excavator 40,000 lbs min. with operator and root rake and thumb only	\$125	\$132
6.	55HP Tractor with 7' Mowing Deck	\$55	\$71.50
7.	55HP Tractor for pre-suppression plowing with 6' harrows	\$50	\$71.50

ANALYSIS:

The Parks and Conservation Resources Division has reviewed the bids and made recommendation of award to John Brown and Sons, Inc., as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder. The low bid represents no change to pricing from the previous bid on items 1, 2, and 5, an 11% increase for item 3, and a 6% increase to the rate for item 4. Items 6 and 7 are new for this bid cycle.

FUNDING:

The estimated annual cost for exotic vegetation mowing for conservation lands management is \$35,000. Funding is available from the General Fund/Conservation Lands/Other Contractual Services Account 00121572-033490. Other departments will also be able to utilize the contract, with funding to be determined at time of order.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board award Bid 2022027 John Brown and Sons, Inc., approve the agreement, and authorize the Chairman to execute it after its review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

Attachment
Agreement