

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

DATE: April 5, 2023

TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THROUGH: Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator
Kristin Daniels, Director - Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

SUBJECT: Rejection of Bid 2023012 for Jackie Robinson Training Center Walking Trail

BACKGROUND:

On behalf of the Public Works Department, sealed bids were solicited for construction of a 12-foot wide walking trail on the former Dodgertown Golf Course, with driveway connections to both 43rd Avenue and Aviation Boulevard, parking lot resurfacing, a new pedestrian bridge, and a new tree line along the west side of the project.

BID RESULTS:

Advertising Date: February 12, 2023
Bid Opening Date: March 15, 2023
DemandStar Broadcast to: 788 Subscribers
Bid Documents Requested by: 20 Firms
Replies: 1 Firm

| Bidder | Location | Total Bid Price |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Prince Land, Inc. | Tequesta | \$1,298,939.18 |

DISCUSSION:

Two contractors submitted statements of no bid relating to the project. One indicated their workload would not allow them to be available to complete the project in the anticipated time, and the other indicated not enough time was allotted in the bid for the design, construction, and installation of the pedestrian bridge.

During review of the references for the single bidder, staff was not able to obtain consistently favorable responses.

While the time between legal newspaper advertisement and bid opening was sufficient in relation to requirements in Florida Statute, staff believes a longer advertising period may provide

additional response, and provide the single responsive bidder additional time to prepare to illustrate its responsibility to complete the work.

If the Board rejects the bid, the Prince Land bid will be exempt from public records release for up to one year. This affords the contractor some confidence that unit prices for each item of work have not been provided outside of County staff (only the total bid price has been disclosed), and therefore does not put the contractor at a disadvantage in the next bid.

FUNDING:

The cost to advertise the project in the newspaper is \$220, and will come from the project account.

| Description | GL | Available |
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| Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Construction in Progress/JRTC Walking Trail | 31521072-066510-19021 | \$220 |

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board reject the response to Bid 2023012, and authorize staff to re-advertise the bid with a longer time to complete, and longer period before acceptance of bids.