

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20130707

ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

- (A) Approve award of formal quotation B-130424 Landscape Maintenance for DOT to the following local vendors: Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. and P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc. (a local DBE vendor) at the prices on the attached tab sheet for a period of one year. The total estimated annual expenditure will be \$500,000.
- (B) Approve award of all of the Options at the prices listed on the attached tab sheet.
- (C) Authorize the County Manager to grant annual price increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) if deemed to be in the County's best interest to do so in accordance with the contract.
- (D) Grant the Procurement Director, with County Administration approval, the authority to renew this agreement for four additional one year periods, at the same terms and conditions, if doing so is in the best interest of Lee County.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Fund – Transportation Trust; Program – DOT Operations – Roadway; Project – Other Contracted Services. Funds are available for the remainder of this fiscal year and are included in the FY 2013/14 Budget.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Provides DOT with the means to maintain the roadways enhanced landscaping, providing increased mowing, maintenance and ground cover as required by the Leescape Master Plan and using competitively-quoted pricing.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

Departmental Category: C12B

Meeting Date: 8/27/2013

Agenda:

Requirement/Purpose: *(specify)*

Consent

- Statute
 Ordinance
 Admin Code AC-4-1
 Other

Request Initiated

Commissioner:

Department: TRANSPORTATION

Division: Operations

By: David Loveland

Background:

On July 2, 2013 Lee County Procurement received three sealed bids for Landscape Maintenance for DOT which was done through a Two-Step process. The first step qualified the vendors and the second step provided the pricing. These documents were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee consisting of Ehab Guirguis, Michael Williams and Robert Debrock, all from DOT.

The bid results indicated Superior Landscaping to be the low bidder in all but one section. Concerns were expressed about their pricing, which was low considering the amount of work to be done. Procurement and DOT set up a meeting on July 11, 2013 with Superior Landscaping. During the meeting it was determined that Superior Landscaping did not have sufficient resources to take on a job of this size because the vendor is struggling to keep up with work currently under contract. After a discussion among DOT, Procurement and Superior Landscaping it was agreed to award Superior Landscaping five small roadways; DOT and Procurement will monitor their progress. The remaining sections were awarded to the next low bidder P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc.

11. Required Review:

<i>David Loveland</i>	<i>Anne Henkel</i>	<i>Peter Winton</i>	<i>Dawn Perry-Lehnert</i>	<i>Doug Meurer</i>	
TRANSPORTATION	Budget Analyst	Budget Services	County Attorney	Public Works Director	

12. Commission Action:

This quote includes the following sections of roads: US 41 from Boy Scout Drive to Jamaica Bay; US 41 from Littleton Road to the Caloosahatchee River; Gladiolus Drive from Maida Lane to US 41; Alico Road from Dusty Lane to Three Oaks Parkway; Treeline Avenue from Daniels Parkway to Alico Road; Cypress Lake from McGregor Boulevard to Summerlin Road; Corkscrew Road at Interstate 75; Business 41 from Littleton Road to SR 78; Winkler Road from College Parkway to Cypress Lake Drive (plus two additional medians); and Bonita Beach Road from King's Kew/Forester to Oakland Road/Quail's Nest Lane. Approval of this request will also give DOT the ability to utilize the mulch prices that were quoted as options and included on the attached bid tab.

DOT uses contracted services for the roadways associated with this quote due to the level of enhanced landscape they have per the LeeScape Master Plan, current edition approved by the BOCC on January 19, 2010. Typically in-house crews maintain landscaping that is considered core level, this type of maintenance would include structural pruning of trees, fertilization of plant material and mowing 12 times per year. The roadways associated with this quote require an enhanced level to include the same core services but requires mowing 24 times per year, which requires more manpower and equipment than in-house forces can provide.

Funds are available in the current budget and are included in the proposed FY 2013/14 budget in the following account: PC5410517500.503490

Attachments:

- (1) Tabsheet
- (2) Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc.'s quote
- (3) P & T Lawn & Tractor Service, Inc.'s quote