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SUBJECT: VALLEY PLAZA PARK WHITSETT FIELDS - SYNTHETIC TURF SOCCER FIELD (#1302S) (W.O. #E170458F) – REJECTION OF BIDS AND DIRECTION TO RE-BID AND REVISED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND CALL FOR BIDS

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Reject all bids received on July 29, 2008, for Valley Plaza Park Whitsett Fields – Synthetic Turf Soccer Field, (#1302S) (W.O.#E170458F) as nonresponsive;
2. Approve the revised final plans and specifications to re-bid this project subject to the changes described in the summary and on the condition that the re-bid package is to receive final approval of the City Attorney; and,
3. Advertise the date for receipt of bids as Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

SUMMARY:

On June 18, 2008, the Board approved final plans and call for bids for the Valley Plaza Park – Whitsett Fields Synthetic Turf Soccer Field (#1302S) (W.O. #E170458F) project, located at 6900 North Whitsett Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 91605 (Board Report No. 08-169). Plans for this project were prepared by the Department of Recreation and Parks using pre-designed standard plans and specifications for the installation of one (1) synthetic turf soccer field at Whitsett Fields. The project scope of work consists of the replacement of an existing natural turf soccer field with a new, synthetic turf system that is to include synthetic turf, site grading, and sub-base perimeter drainage

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system. Additionally, the existing irrigation system is to be modified, along with installation of new walkways, fencing, and gates.

On July 29, 2008, seven bids were received for this project. The bid amounts received are as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Park West Landscape, Inc.	\$ 734,932
Landshapes	\$ 865,000
Pima Corporation	\$ 923,880
Pacific Coast Infrastructure	\$ 998,000
Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$ 1,042,485
Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$ 1,056,688
Pro Grass West, Inc.	\$ 1,072,194

Staff recommends that the Board reject all bids. First, the contract specifications erroneously require the synthetic turf installation contractor to possess either a Class A or C-27 license. The license is appropriate for the contractor that will be performing the general grading and base preparation for the synthetic turf. However, the actual installation of synthetic turf products requires a D-12 license. The synthetic turf installation contractors or sub-contractors, with the exception of Park West Landscape, Inc. and Pro Grass West, Inc., do not possess either the Class A or C-27 license in the bids previously received (Attachment A). Although Park West Landscape Inc. and Pro Grass West Inc. have the Class A or C-27 license, they were found to be non-responsive for not demonstrating that they have met the minimum experience qualifications for the contract. For that reason, the City Attorney has advised that all bidders were non-responsive. Second, the contract specifications require the synthetic turf contractor to have the experience of installing a minimum of 15 synthetic turf fields of the specified size in the state of California within the past five (5) years, with a minimum of 10 fields using sewn seams. While there are a few companies that meet this criteria, it is felt that the criteria is too restrictive, allowing only a select few to bid on the project.

To that end, staff recommends the project be re-bid. The contract specifications have been modified (1) to require the synthetic turf installation contractor to possess the D-12 license, and (2) to reduce the experience qualification to a minimum of (5) synthetic turf installations of the specified size in the state of California in the past three (3) years, with a minimum of five (5) fields using sewn seams.

Staff has determined that the proposed project will involve the replacement of an existing recreational facility with a new upgraded version and other new associated features that are accessory to the park. Therefore, the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality

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Act (CEQA) pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 1(k), Class 11(6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District 2 has been informed and supports this action.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Department's General Fund because the project's constructed costs will be fully funded by the above listed funding sources specifically identified and approved for use of this project. The assessments of the future operations and maintenance costs have yet to be determined and would be addressed in future budget request.

This report was prepared by Robert Oyakawa, Landscape Architect I, and Michael A. Shull, Superintendent, Planning and Development.

# Bidder	type of license	Turf Installation Contractor	type of license	reason for non-responsiveness
1 Park West Landscape Inc.	A, C-27, D-12	Park West Sports Systems	A, C-27, D-12	did not provide evidence of having constructed 15 synthetic turf projects in California
2 Landshapes	A, C-27	Fieldturf USA	D-12	syn. Turf contractor does not have the A or C-27 license req.d in specs.
3 PIMA Corp.	A, C-27	Sportexe	D-12	syn. Turf contractor does not have the A or C-27 license req.d in specs.
4 Pacific Coast Infrastructure	A	Mondo	D-12	syn. Turf contractor does not have the A or C-27 license req.d in specs.
5 Environmental Construction Inc.	A, C-27	Sportexe	D-12	syn. Turf contractor does not have the A or C-27 license req.d in specs.
6 LA Engineering Inc.	A, C-27	Park West Sports Systems	A, C-27, D-12	did not provide evidence of having constructed 15 synthetic turf projects in California
7 Pro Grass West Inc.	A	Pro Grass West Inc.	A	did not provide evidence of having constructed 15 synthetic turf projects in California