

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 15, 2016

TO Members of the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee: Jennifer S. Gates (Chair), Philip T. Kingston (Vice Chair), Erik Wilson, Rickey D. Callahan, Scott Griggs, Lee M. Kleinman

SUBJECT Litter Maintenance Services for Park and Recreation

The January 27, 2016 Council Agenda includes an item to award a three-year service contract for litter maintenance services for Park and Recreation – Good Earth Corporation in the amount of \$5,504,968 and T. Smith’s Lawn Service, LLC in the amount of \$2,608,751, lowest responsible bidders of four - Total not to exceed \$8,113,719 - Financing: Current Funds (subject to annual appropriations)

This solicitation closed prior to the wage floor policy approved by City Council on November 10, 2015 by Resolution No. 15-2141. Prior to Council approval of the wage floor, City contracts did not include language that required contractors to identify their rate of pay or the number of employees assigned on City contracts. During Council briefings and discussion, staff provided a list of contracts in the evaluation phase. This contract was included and is one of the last service contracts to be considered prior to the new wage floor policy.

Although the City did not require a wage floor within the specifications, staff requested both recommended bidders’ minimum rate of pay for the project. The chart below provides the responses provided from both recommended vendors.

Vendor Name	Recommended Award	Minimum Rate	Average Rate
Good Earth Corporation	\$5,504,968	\$9.00/hour	\$10.00/hour
T. Smith’s Lawn Service, LLC	\$2,608,751	\$10.37/hour	N/A

This service contract will be used for regular litter maintenance service in virtually every park within the six park maintenance districts. Contractors will perform services on a predetermined maintenance frequency established by the department. Maintenance frequencies vary in each park based on the amount of traffic and the time of year. Adjustments to the schedule can be made based on variable needs, such as special events and spray ground activity. The service contract also includes a provision for litter maintenance performed on an emergency response basis.

This item is being considered by the Park Board on January 21, 2016. The current contract for litter maintenance service is scheduled to expire on March 31, 2016.

Please let me know if you need additional information.



Jeanne Chipperfield
Chief Financial Officer

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