



TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: August 18, 2015

TITLE: Motion to Approve Plants, Shrubs and Groundcovers – Gardening Angel
Nursery, Inc. - \$1,141,629 (three-year cost)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission award a three-year contract for the purchase of plants, shrubs and groundcovers to Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc., in the estimated annual amount of \$380,543 (three-year estimated amount of \$1,141,629) and authorize the City Manager to approve one, one-year renewal option, contingent upon appropriation of funds.

Background

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting approval to purchase plants, shrubs and groundcovers for various locations citywide.

Invitation to Bid 552-11583 was opened on March 16, 2015 with four bids received. The bid submitted by Local Plant Source was withdrawn. The vendor, located in Austin, Texas, understood this solicitation to be a one-time shipment rather than a three-year term. Pursuant to Section 2-184(4), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the bid submitted by NextEra Landscaping has been deemed non-responsive considering the quality of performance of previous contracts in the providing of materials and/or services. The bid submitted by Triple O’Nursery inadvertently duplicated pricing for Groups A and B, resulting in incorrect pricing for Group B and therefore withdrew their bid for Group B. The bid submitted by Gardening Angel Nursery, Inc. has met all of the specifications and has been deemed the overall lowest cost, responsive and responsible bidder.

Resource Impact

There is no current year fiscal impact associated with this action. There will be a fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$380,543 in FY 2016. Future expenditures are contingent upon approval and appropriation of the annual budget. Future year expenditures will be \$380,543 in FY 2017 and \$380,543 in FY 2018.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with in the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
- Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are United*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Bid Tabulation

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