OF

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

DATE: January 14, 2026

TO: Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: Marie Flynn, Procurement Services Contract

SUBJECT: Renewal

INFOR No. 703

Contract No./Title: Event 383-6/ Turf Grass Maintenance NE

Vendor: Juniper Landscaping or Florida, LLC

The above contract expires on **February 3, 2026,** and is renewable for an additional one-year term if it is determined to be in the City's best interest and the vendor agrees to the renewal in writing.

Notification of intent to renew will be mailed to the vendor once your reply is received. Accordingly, it is requested that you give this matter your immediate attention thereby providing a timely reply to preclude contract expiration.

If you do not want to renew this contract, please explain the reason(s) in a separate memo. Also note that this contract will expire on the date noted above and if a new contract is to be established, you must submit a requisition with updated specifications.

Please reply by returning this form (email is fine) completely filled out, signed and dated with all proper funding information indicated below.

Date: 1/15/2026

The using department/division recommends the following:

_____ RENEW the contract under the same terms and conditions with an estimated annual

Expenditure of $ _____ or Revenue of $ _____

Must provide:

Cost Center _____ Function_____Account_____

X DO NOT renew this contract. A new requisition will be submitted by this office for a replacement bid. See attached memo explaining the reason(s) thereto.

_____ DO NOT renew this contract. DO NOT prepare a replacement bid (items/services no longer needed).

By: Vedasha Roopnarine Date: 01/15/2026

Title: Senior Financial Administrator Division: Parks & Recreation Administration

WE BUILD COMMUNITY

DATE: January 14, 2026

TO: Parks and Recreation Department

FROM: Marie Flynn, Procurement Services

SUBJECT: Contract Renewal

INFOR No. 704

Contract No./Title: Event 385-6/ Turf Grass Maintenance SE

Vendor: Juniper Landscaping or Florida, LLC

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WE BUILD COMMUNITY

From: Kimberly Pearson
To: Vedasha Roopnarine; Heather Rose
Cc: Mark Almy; Marie Flynn; Tiffany St.Thomas
Subject: RE: Renew / Not Renew Infor Contracts 701, 703, 704, &705; Turf Grass Maintenance NW, NE, SE, and SW
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 4:33:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png
image002.png
RE Juniper Landscaping of Florida LLC NE SE.msg
RE Juniper Landscaping of Florida LLC.msg

Hi Vedasha and Heather,

Just to loop everyone in on with what I have been working on with Heather:

On December 2 we shared with Heather that we did not wish to renew with Juniper (attached) for the following reasons:

> We have months of regularly failed and incomplete cycles, neighbor complaints, and MOT/PPE safety violations. We have met with Juniper management and ground staff many times, physically and verbally walking and talking through each non-compliant issue. We have emailed and texted written reports and photos of failed items. On October 22, Enrique, Mark, myself, and contract staff met with Juniper management and reiterated all of the above points, specifically focusing on areas needed for improvement. Not one of those items were addressed this past month. Additionally, our mulch instructions were disregarded, and they are again very behind on their mulch installation. None of this information has been kept from them or should be surprising to them. We have been openly and honestly working with them every step of the way.
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> While their communication has been outstanding, their performance is not acceptable, and we do not wish to renew.
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> We have had the same scheduled meetings and inspections with Visualscape, physically and verbally going through each non-compliant issues, emailing and texting written reports and photos of failed items. They have done a tremendous job in turning their

performance from marginally effective to outstanding. We have had no failed inspections since April, and all invoices have been paid as submitted.

We do recommend Visualscape taking the NE and SE quadrants beginning February.

On December 16, Heather asked me to check Rock & Rose references and certifications, which resulted in my December 19 follow up (attached):

We do not support issuance of NE and SE Turfgrass Contracts to Rock and Rose Landscape LLC. In combination with our concerns from February (recapped below), we again verified the information provided in the bid with unfortunate results:

- Rock & Rose has expired FCHP certification with no other representative found for the company (Attachment 1)
- Commercial Applicator License submitted with bid is no longer active; this person being the owner of the company (Attachment 2)
- None of the four (0/4) references provided in the bid have responded to my recent request

To recap from our efforts from February:

Juniper and Visualscape provided legible copies of certifications and licenses in the bid, and all were able to be verified as valid and active. Juniper and Visualscape's references were responsive and able to corroborate bid information as provided. We were able to verify as valid and active. In my experience, this sets a positive tone moving forward. On the other hand, Rock & Rose provided illegible copies of certifications and licenses in the bid, having us request legible copies three times before being provided. Additionally, of the four references provided by Rock & Rose, only two responded; one having only worked with them for two months on ball fields, and the other implying

they had a great relationship because Rock & Rose is a paying sponsor for their tribal events, which in my opinion, is a conflict of interest. Likewise, the information provided by both references did not corroborate the information provided on bid. For example, Rock & Rose stated they worked for Miccosukee from 2018 – 2024 performing $200,000 work, when actually Rock & Rose has been working for Miccosukee since 2016 performing $168,000 annually for a total of $1,344,000.

When comparing our finalists, Juniper is a new contractor and provided legible and valid documentation in their submittal, with all references immediately responding. Rock & Rose is a new contractor and did not provide legible documentation and did not have responsive references. The documentation was later provided and verified, but it took a few days to receive the information when the request was for immediate attention. Both of these items concern me. Visualscape is our current contractor and provided legible and valid documentation in their submittal, with all references immediately responding.

As previously shared, there is no resolve to my Rock & Rose concerns. Not being a Procurement professional, we remained focused on submitted bid documents and conducting a fair review. In our opinion, the illegible certification documents submitted in the official bid response are not acceptable, and the non-responses from provided references are not acceptable. As you know, the reporting and communication from the awarded contractor are required on a daily basis. When we requested legible certification documents from Rock & Rose, it took three days for them to provide this information. In our opinion, this delayed response is not acceptable and tells us that we are not a priority and/or contractor does not have resources to respond according to the request. Additionally, when we spoke to our

professional colleagues in the landscape industry who interact with Rock & Rose, their responses were universal surprise that Rock & Rose are big enough to handle this contract size and each gave us the impression that we may their test for company growth. In our opinion, based on the size of this contract and the high visibility of the contractors performance, we are not comfortable being anyone's test client. Conversely, we have only positive and forthcoming discovery and feedback in reviewing and researching both Juniper and Visualscape.

Moving forward, we recommend Visualscape replacing Juniper as the contractor for NE and SE Turfgrass Contracts. We have had great success with Visualscape this year specifically, with them showing 100% performance compliance.

Please let me know what else we can provide.

Thank you.

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From: Vedasha Roopnarine <VRoopnarine@fortlauderdale.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 3:13 PM
To: Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>; Tiffany St.Thomas <TSt.Thomas@fortlauderdale.gov>
Cc: Heather Rose <HRose@fortlauderdale.gov>; Kimberly Pearson <KPearson@fortlauderdale.gov>; Mark Almy <MAlmy@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: RE: Renew / Not Renew Infor Contracts 701, 703, 704, &705; Turf Grass Maintenance NW, NE, SE, and SW

Completed forms to renew the SW and NW contracts attached.
Kim is working on the explanation for NE and SE as we will not be renewing those. I will forward the forms and explanation once they have been completed.

Thanks,

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From: Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 1:35 PM
To: Vedasha Roopnarine <VRoopnarine@fortlauderdale.gov>; Tiffany St.Thomas <TSt.Thomas@fortlauderdale.gov>
Cc: Heather Rose <HRose@fortlauderdale.gov>; Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: RE: Renew / Not Renew Infor Contracts 701, 703, 704, &705; Turf Grass Maintenance NW, NE, SE, and SW
Importance: High

Good afternoon,
Please complete the attached Department Renewals and return to me.

Respectfully,

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From: Heather Rose <HRose@fortlauderdale.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:52 AM
To: Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>
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Subject: Renew / Not Renew Infor Contracts 701, 703, 704, &705

Importance: High

Hi Marie,

Today, please take the necessary steps to contact Parks and Recreation regarding whether they are renewing Infor Contracts 701, 703, 704, & 705 (Turf Grass Maintenance NW, NE, SE, and SW). If not renewing, an explanation and supporting documents regarding the reason(s) are required.

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From: Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 7:47 AM
To: Heather Rose <HRose@fortlauderdale.gov>
Cc: Marie Flynn <MFlynn@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: RE: PKR Expiring Contracts Dec. 2025 - Feb. 2026

Hi Heather,
Following up on:

- Contracts 701, 703, 705 & 705 – I will get back to you on the renewals because 2 of the contracts will be merged.

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