



# SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

<b>RFB No.:</b> RFB 6000000119	<b>Title:</b> Canal Side-Slope Mowing Services, Homestead Field Station Service Area
<b>SBE Availability (%):</b>	<b>Opening Date:</b> September 20, 2007
<b>Total Bids Received:</b> 6	<b>Advertised date:</b> August 20, 2007
<b>Bids Received from SBEs:</b>	<b>Advertised in:</b> Palm Beach Daily Business Review, Broward Times, Miami Herald, and Diario Las Amers
<b>Total Bid Packages Mailed:</b> 22	
<b>Bid Packages Mailed to SBEs:</b>	
<b>No-Bids Received:</b> 1	<b>Contract Specialist:</b> Johanna Labrada
<b>No Answers:</b> 15	<b>Project Manager:</b> James Barnes

<u>BIDDERS</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
McIntyre Maintenance	\$114.00
M&B Lawn Maintenance	\$120.00
Top Notch Corp	\$122.00
Toler Enterprises	\$145.00
Greenscapes, Inc.	\$325.00
Crodon, Inc.	\$341,220.00

*The bid amounts indicated above are as submitted at the bid opening and are subject to verification. Award of the contracts to the lowest bidder is subject to the District's determination that the bid is responsive and that the bidder is responsible as indicated by the signatures below.*

*Approvals required in numerical order. Signatures must be dated.*

Project Manager - Attach detailed justification that recommended bidder is responsive and responsible.

Recommendation for award to low bidder?  
 Yes     No

If no, recommend award to: The fourth lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Basis of recommendation: First three (3) low bids non-responsive; see memo attached.

Governing Board approval of award or contract required?  
 Yes     No

*\*Signature only required when recommendation of award is to (a) other than low bid (when low bidder has been deemed non-responsive and/or non-responsible), or (b) when only one bid is received. CS or PM must provide backup as appropriate in all cases. (Insert N/A if not applicable.)*

1. James Barnes for JAMES BARNES    9/26/07  
Project Manager    Date
2. Joel Arnold    9-26-07  
Department Director    Date
3. Samuel Carter    9/26/07  
Deputy Executive Director (Resource Area)    Date
4. Johanna Labrada    9/27/07  
Contract Specialist    Date
5. John Bradshaw    9/27/07  
Contract Manager    Date
6. Mark    9/28/07  
Gatekeeper    Date
7. John J.    10/1/07  
Office of Counsel \*    Date
8. Frank D. [Signature]    10/1/07  
Procurement Director    Date
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
District Leadership Team    Date

**NOTE:** This form shall serve as the District's Notice of a decision or intended decision as defined in Section 120.57(3)(a) F.S., and Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Failure to timely file with the District Clerk a notice of intent to protest, or a formal written protest with a bond, as prescribed in Section 120.57(3), F.S., and Section 287.042(2)(c), F.S., shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S.

**Posting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Posting Time:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** September 26, 2007  
**SUBJECT:** RFB 600000119: Canal Side Slope Mowing Services - Homestead Field Station Service Area  
**FROM:** Johanna M. Labrada, Sr. Contract Specialist, Procurement Department



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On August 20, 2007 RFB 600000119 (RFB) was issued to solicit bids for side slope mowing of approximately 705 acres annually of canal embankments in the Homestead Field Station service area. The solicitation was advertised in the Palm Beach Daily Business Review, Broward Times, Miami Herald and Diario de Las Americas. A total of twenty-two (22) RFB's were mailed or downloaded from the District's website. A pre-bid conference was held at the Homestead Field Station on September 6, 2007, followed by a site visit to one of the areas identified in the Statement of Work.

On September 20, 2007 six (6) bids were received in response to the RFB. The responsive apparent low bidder was McIntyre Maintenance, Inc. at \$114.00 per acre. During the responsibility review, references were checked to verify bidder's minimum two (2) years experience as required per the RFB document. Subsequently, references provided did not include any side slope mowing experience. McIntyre Maintenance, Inc. is non-responsible.

The second apparent responsive low bidder was M&B Lawn Maintenance at \$120 per acre. During the responsibility review, past performance records for District projects on file provided a less than satisfactory performance evaluation. A determination was made that M&B Lawn Maintenance is non-responsible.

The third apparent responsive low bidder was Top Notch of S FL, Corp., at \$122 per acres. During the responsibility review, past performance records for District projects on file provided an unsatisfactory performance evaluation. Again, a determination was made that Top Notch of S FL, Corp., is non-responsible.

Further review of the fourth apparent responsive low bidder, Toler Enterprises, Inc., at \$145 per acres, concluded bidder's references met the minimum two (2) years experience, provided exceptional and very good past performance records, and satisfied all other responsibility conditions. As a result, Toler Enterprise, Inc. is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

In accordance with the RFB, final results and the official *Notice of Intent to Award* will be presented to the October Governing Board for approval. Following acceptance by the Governing Board, the official notice will be posted at the Procurement Department and the District's web site.