



Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70 for the removal and replacement of three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium.

Background/Justification

Durham County Memorial Stadium was constructed in 1958 and is home to multiple sports organizations. This project supports ongoing infrastructure improvements at Durham County Memorial Stadium. As part of Risk Management’s safety inspection of the facility, it has been determined that the aging wood and vinyl encapsulated seating needs replacement to improve the safety of the patrons at Durham County Memorial Stadium. This phased project will be part of the stadium’s Capital Improvement Project plan.

The Stadium hosts over a hundred unique events each year which have millions of dollars of economic impact for the local community, including the marquee event this year and for the following two calendar years, the CIAA Football Championship, which is estimated to bring several thousand fans to Durham in November. This bleacher project will continue to improve the safety and fan experience for the tens of thousands of fans who attend events at the stadium annually.

A request for proposals was solicited and four proposals were received. Bliss Products and Services, Inc. was deemed the most qualified firm based on an evaluation committee’s review. Bliss Products and Services, Inc.’s proposal presented a well-defined process and timeline that stood out from the other submitted proposals. Bliss Products and Services, Inc has been in the recreation industry since 1984, specializing in designing, constructing, and installing recreational environments for 100s of municipalities across the Southeastern United States.

In review of the MWBE compliance for RFP 25-023 Bleacher Seating Replacement at Durham County Memorial Stadium, there were no participation goals achieved on this project. Bliss Products and Services, Inc. will be utilizing their own workforce to perform the service on this project.

Policy Impact

This action does not impact existing Board policies.

Procurement Background

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services
- ☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☒ No ☐



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Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☐ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, why?

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this contract will come from Durham County Memorial Stadium Capital Improvement Project 40043000000- 4190420030083102- 5200160100

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a service contract with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. in the amount of \$246,815.70 for the removal and replacement of three (3) sections of bleacher seating at Durham County Memorial Stadium.