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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

SUBJECT—

Bid No. V05-002: Purchase Area Wide Rotary Mower

SYNOPSIS—

Approve the purchase of one outfront rotary mower, a 10.5 foot wide rotary deck from Tri-State Company (Hugh Stafford Owner/President, 5303 NW 111th Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111) for \$34,735.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The cost of this mower is \$34,735. Unit #1814, a John Deere 1145 outfront, is being traded in as a part of the transaction. Organization Code: PKS070700; Fund Code: GE001; Account Code 544100.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The City of Des Moines' Purchasing Division issued Bid No. V05-002 to purchase a rotary outfront mower for use on sports turf ballfields. Bids were mailed to ten potential bidders. Five

bids were received. Although it is not the low bid, the purchase of the equipment from Tri-State Company is recommended because none of the other mower's bids meet the outfront only specification. All of the other mowers for which bids were submitted have wing decks which makes them harder to operate at the softball complex. In particular, the mowers with wing decks are significantly more difficult to operate along fence lines.

The other outfront mowers in the trade that meet the specifications are more expensive than the Toro Groundmaster 4100-D/2004 and thus were not bid.