

RESOLUTION 12-332

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Decatur, Morgan County, in the State of Alabama, that it appearing the bid of Bel-Air Turf Products, LLC, having been the lowest and best bid for furnishing and delivering One (1) 5-Reel Pull Gang Mower for the Parks & Recreation Department, in accordance with specifications provided, and from evidence submitted it appearing that such vendor is qualified and able to fulfill the requirements of the specifications, said bid is hereby adopted and the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a Purchase Order to said bidder in the amount of \$19,888.00.

Adopted this 1st day of October, 2012

Bid Tabulation
12-032 5 Reel Pull Gang -- September 10th, 2012 11:15AM

Bidder	Make/Model	\$ Each	Qty	Total Bid	
Bel- Air Turf	R/R	\$19,888.00	1	\$19,888.00	Low Bidder
Leeds, AL 35094	5133GD-C811Q1				
EA Nelson	-----		1	NO BID	
Florence AL 35630					
Golf Ventures	R/R	\$29,540.00	1	\$29,540.00	
Pelham AL 35124	5133GD-RRQ				
H & R Agri-Power	-----		1	NO BID	
Tanner AL 35671					
Huntsville Tractor & Equipment, Inc	Kesmac	\$18,903.00	1	\$18,903.00	* See Below
Huntsville AL 35814	KMR-005				
Humphries Turf Supply	R/R Powerlift	\$22,989.79	1	\$22,989.79	
Joppa AL 35087	5133GD Complete, 5gang Mower				
Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation	Toro Reelmaster	\$24,520.09	1	\$24,520.09	
Pensacola FL 32504					
Thompson	-----		1	NO BID	
Huntsville AL 35805					

Persuant to Section 41-16-24 of the Code of Alabama, the following bidders requested notification, but did not respond:

Bidders:

Address:

Dobbs Equipment Company, Inc.	1621 Creighton Avenue SE Decatur, AL35601
Fredricks Equipment, Inc.	1312 South bethel Road Decatur, AL 35603
Haney Equipment Company	PO Box 1037, 1702 Hwy 72 E, Athens, AL 35612
John Deere Landscapes	4630 Commercial Drive Huntsville, AL 35816
Peddler II	1308 Fairway Dr SE Decatur, AL 35601
Precision Husky Corporation	PO Drawer 507 Leeds, AL 35094
Trigreen Equipment	131 US Hwy 31 S Athens, AL 35611

***Low Bidder Exceptions to Specifications:**

<u>City Requirement</u>	<u>Quoted</u>
96" Transport Width	95" Transport Width
Hydraulic Driven Mower**	PTO Driven Mower

**Although not specifically stated, it is the City's intent to purchase a Hydraulic Driven Machine. (See attached memo from Parks & Recreation)

September 12, 2012

I received a bid tabulation on September 10th, 2012 showing a low bid on a 5-gang pull gang piece of equipment for Point Mallard Golf Course of \$18,903 for a Kesmac KMR-005 from Huntsville Tractor & Equipment.

I had never heard of this brand of equipment and upon research, found out that this pull gang is PTO driven instead of Hydraulic. I have never heard of this type of equipment being PTO driven, especially for a Golf Course application.

In the specs, I did not include that it should be Hydraulic because I assumed they were all Hydraulic and all the other bids of this equipment were Hydraulic. Although not specifically stated, it was the City's intent to purchase a Hydraulic driven mower.

Due to the nature of this machine and what it will be mowing, a PTO driven pull gang would be the wrong type of machine that we need. A PTO driven pull gang would have a constant spin putting more wear and tear on the mower, whereas a Hydraulic Pull Gang operates solely on the speed of the tractor pulling it. It gives you more control on what you are mowing. A PTO pull behind is fine for Bush Hog type mowers as you are typically cutting rougher areas with hills etc.. and you need the blades to spin steadily no matter what speed the tractor is traveling, but on a golf course, you need more control as you are cutting highly maintained turf on flat areas and gentle slopes.

I am requesting that we accept the next lowest bid at \$19,888 for an R&R 5133GD 5-gang pull behind submitted by Bel-Air Turf.

Paul Floyd

Facilities & Operations Manager
Parks & Recreation