

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER GOVERNOR J.R. "JOEY" HOPKINS SECRETARY

DATE:

December 7, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO:

Mr. Mike Beaver Purchasing Agent

FROM:

Mark C. Thompson WCT

Division Roadside Environmental Engineer - Division 8

SUBJECT:

2024 Lee & Moore County Mowing Contract

Proposal #54-MKB-08-12103977

The lowest bid for Proposal #54-MKB-08-12103977 was submitted by ATOAH Contracting, LLC. Upon review of that proposal, it was determined that the bid was significantly lower than our estimate, more than 20% lower than the second and third lowest bidders, and more than 36% lower than the last contract bid in 2019. Mr. Logan Carver was contacted about this and voluntarily withdrew his proposal by email on December 5, 2023.

We recommend the award for the contract to Dixie Lawn Service, Inc. We have checked their bid amount and references, and they have experience being our previous contract holder. The bid submitted meets appropriate guidelines and should therefore be accepted.

Please issue a purchase order to Dixie Lawn Service, Inc. at a bid price of \$656,128.00 for a one-year mowing contract with four optional renewal years.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

cc:

Mr. Reuben Blakley, P.E.

Ms. Sarah Foster, P.E.

Mr. Matt Kitchen

Mr. David Harris, P.E.

Ms. Carrie Hoyle

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