

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 9, 2015

COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Issue purchase order to InterSeeder Technologies, LLC, to Furnish and Deliver a crop interseeder, in an amount not to exceed \$42,750.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1394929

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to issue a purchase order to InterSeeder Technologies, LLC to furnish and deliver a straight crop interseeder to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (District's) Fulton County site. The equipment will be delivered by approximately July 31, 2015. It will be used to plant cover crop between rows of standing corn at the District's Fulton County site. This equipment is needed for conducting Nutrient Loss Reduction research at the Fulton County site.

The straight interseeder is specially designed to have sufficient clearance to the ground for planting cover crop in the standing corn as required for this research project. The straight interseeder also has the capability to apply herbicide and fertilizer, and perform no-till grain drilling; there is no other unit on the market that has the multi-function platform. Interseeder Technologies, LLC holds the sole rights to sell this equipment and has the technology patented.

InterSeeder Technologies, LLC, the manufacturer and sole source of supply, has submitted pricing for the straight crop interseeder required. Inasmuch as InterSeeder Technologies, LLC, is the only source of supply for the straight crop interseeder, said purchase order may be issued without competitive bidding pursuant to Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act.

InterSeeder Technologies, LLC is not registered to transact business in Illinois, but has submitted a certificate of good standing from the state of Pennsylvania. The Department of Procurement and Materials Management has received approval from the Executive Director to move forward with the recommendation to award.

The Multi-Project Labor Agreement is not applicable to this contract because it is primarily a furnish and deliver contract.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to issue said purchase order to InterSeeder Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$42,750.00.

Funds are available in Account 101-16000-612490.

Requested, Thomas C. Granato, Director of Monitoring and Research, TCG:MPC:KB:ae Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman, Committee on Procurement

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Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for April 9, 2015