



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER _____

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DATE: 02/21/2024

**SUBJECT: BID NO. F2024050 - PURCHASE OF BRUSH CHIPPER - SHERIFF'S
OFFICE - THE AKANA GROUP INC. - PER UNIT PRICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. F2024050, Purchase of Brush Chipper, for the Sheriff's Office, to The Akana Group Inc. at the per unit price.

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County's intent to bid was advertised in local newspapers, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Four hundred and nineteen (419) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. No vendors attended the pre-bid conference held on January 3, 2024. Two (2) bids and four (4) no-bids were received.

The bid received from Wisecom Technologies, Inc. failed to meet several specifications listed in this bid due to the fact that the brush chipper is not trailer mounted. The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office requires a trailer mounted machine to facilitate mobility around the worksite during operation. Additionally, the 8" x 8" dimension of the feed opening does not meet specified 12" x 15" minimum. This would dramatically limit feed capacity and decrease efficiency.

The low bid received from The Akana Group Inc. meets all specifications and is acceptable to the Sheriff's Office.

This equipment will be used to clear County properties such as livestock barns, historic cemeteries, and outlying buildings during a disaster. The current brush chipper used by Sheriff's Office Labor Detail has functioned well for over twenty-three (23) years. However, repair costs over the last twenty-four (24) months have become too exorbitant to maintain.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing that Bid No. F2024050, Purchase of Brush Chipper, be awarded to The Akana Group Inc. at the per unit price.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding in the amount of \$54,448.69 is available in account 10000-2024 General Fund/2110610000 Courts/Security/540000 Capital Outlay.

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