



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Finance Department

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Troy Elliott

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

High-Track Slope Mower

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a contract with Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc. to provide a high track slope mower for the Public Works Department for a total cost of \$64,032.00. Funding is available from the FY 2022 Storm Water Operating Fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Submitted for City Council consideration and action is the attached tabulation of 3 bids to provide one high-track slope mower for the Public Works Department. This will be the first slope mower for the department and is required for difficult and hard to reach areas for mowing. The remote-controlled mower is capable of mowing high grass and brush up to 1,000 feet away from the operator and can mow inclines up to 50° which is challenging for the standard tractor and mower deck to perform. This style of mower will be an additional unit to the Public Works Department's fleet.

The Invitation for Bid was evaluated based on published bid specifications.

The lowest bid was submitted by DeWinne Equipment Company, however, the bid did not meet published specifications of a minimum 60" cutting width, and 38 HP engine. DeWinne submitted a bid response for equipment with a 38" cutting width and a 24 HP engine respectively. The second lowest bid was submitted by Compact Construction, LLC dba Bobcat of San Antonio. The bid did not meet the published specification. Bidder submitted equipment with a 43" cutting width and a 28 HP engine respectively.

#### **ISSUE:**

This contract will provide one remote-controlled high-track slope mower for mowing overgrown creek banks and stormwater channels. This will be an additional unit to the Public Works Department fleet.

The RC Mower TK-60XD comes with a one-year unlimited hour warranty.

This mower has a life expectancy of at least 60 months. The useful life may be longer, since the mower is specifically designed for rough terrain and comes with rubber tracks commonly found in off-road equipment.

The lowest responsive bid for the mower is Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc., a local business. Therefore, application of the Local Preference Program (LPP) was not required.

The Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Ordinance requirements were waived due to the lack of small, minority, and/or women businesses available to provide these goods and services.

The Veteran-Owned Business Program does not apply to goods/supplies contracts, so no preference was applied to this contract.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should this contract not be approved, Public Works Department can continue to mow easements and storm drainage areas using the traditional tractor and mower deck. Unfortunately, there have been roll over incidents causing injury and damage, because the slope was too steep. Likewise at certain times of the year, mowing thick overgrowth requires improved equipment capable of mowing muddy brush that is difficult for wheeled equipment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This ordinance authorizes acceptance of a contract with Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc. to provide one high-track slope mower for a total cost of \$64,032.00 for the Public Works Department. Funding is available from the FY 2022 Storm Water Operating Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the approval of this contract with Kinloch Equipment & Supply, Inc. to provide the Public Works Department with one high-track slope mower for a cost of \$64,032.00.

This contract is procured by means of a low bid process and a Contracts Disclosure Form is not required.