



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 14, 2009**

DATE: October 23, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve the Award of Contract for the Renovation of the Lower Athletic Field at Thomas Jefferson Community Center per Invitation to Bid Number 441-09.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 441-09 in the amount of \$738,425.00 to ProGrass, LLC and approve an allocation of \$111,575.00 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$850,000.00.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents, subject to review of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: The County Board is being requested to approve the Award of Contract to allow the Lower Athletic Field at Thomas Jefferson Community Center to be renovated by replacing the existing stone dust surfacing with synthetic turf and replacing the lighting with dark sky field lighting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Field at Thomas Jefferson Community Center is a rectangular field used primarily for soccer and is surfaced with a stone dust surfacing. The field lighting is old and provides poor lighting and uniformity with much glare and light spillage.

The improvements to the field include replacement of the surfacing with a synthetic infill-type surface, replacement of the field lighting with state-of-the-art dark sky lighting and provision of accessible seating areas and walkways to improve circulation to and from the field.

BACKGROUND: The Purchasing Agent received the following bids on October 29, 2009:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
1. ProGrass, LLC	\$738,425.00
2. Sunny Acres Landscaping, Inc.	\$739,450.00
3. Hellas Construction, Inc.	\$739,900.00
4. John L. Mattingly Construction Company, Inc.	\$753,000.00
5. Corning Construction Corporation	\$758,000.00

County Manager: RC

County Attorney: SA

Staff: Robert E. Capper, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

6.	Hughes & Smith, Inc.	\$782,307.00
7.	Avon Corporation	\$791,000.00
8.	Donohoe Construction Company	\$1,070,288.00
9.	Fort Myer Construction Corporation	\$1,089,270.00

The low bid in the amount of \$738,425.00 received from ProGrass, LLC is consistent with the Architect's estimate. This was found to be the lowest responsive bid submitted and ProGrass, LLC was found to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to ProGrass, LLC.

DISCUSSION: Construction is anticipated to begin late fall 2009 and conclude spring 2010. The contract is for a 105-day construction time period.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Renovation of the Lower Athletic Field at Thomas Jefferson Community Center is available from Park Bond funds. The funds are available in account number 324.438200.80001.TJF2.R00.0000.