



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of October 18, 2008

DATE: September 26, 2008

SUBJECT: Approve the Award of Contract for the Removal and Replacement of Existing Lighting Systems for Two Softball Fields at Virginia Highlands Park, 1600 S. Hayes Street, Invitation to Bid Number 443-08.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 443-08 in the amount of \$312,000.00 to Lighting Maintenance, Inc. and approve an allocation of \$48,000.00 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$360,000.00.
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 existing, aged lighting system to be removed and replaced with state-of-the-art athletic field lighting with dark sky technology.

SUMMARY: This contract authorizes the removal and replacement of existing field lighting at two softball fields at Virginia Highlands Park. The new ball field lights will use state-of-the-art athletic field lighting with dark sky technology. Dark sky lighting greatly minimizes spillage and glare to the surrounding area while providing a superior quality of light on the field. The existing lighting is aged, does not provide uniform light levels for play and allows much light spillage. Not only will the lighting be improved for players on the fields, but there will be minimal spillage of light beyond the fields and the energy costs to use the lights will be less.

BACKGROUND: The Purchasing Agent received the following bids on October 10, 2008:

<u>Bidder:</u>	<u>Bid Amount:</u>
1. Lighting Maintenance, Inc.	\$312,000.00
2. R.E. Lee Electric Company, Inc.	\$312,225.00
3. Dalton Electric Service, Inc.	\$317,500.00
4. Portico Realty Services, LLC	\$320,000.00
5. Contracting Enterprises, Inc.	\$338,230.00

County Manager: _____
County Attorney: _____
Staff: Robert E. Capper; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

The invitation to bid included, as part of the goods and services to be provided, a brand name product for the lighting system that provides a single standardized remotely controlled computerized lighting system that has operational compatibility with Arlington County's ten other athletic field lighting systems by the same manufacturer.

The low bid in the amount of \$312,000.00, received from Lighting Maintenance, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsive bid submitted and Lighting Maintenance, Inc. was found to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Lighting Maintenance, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Construction is anticipated to begin following the fall sports season and be completed prior to the beginning of the spring sports season 2009. The contract is for a 150-day construction time period.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Removal and Replacement of Existing Lighting Systems for Two Softball Fields at Virginia Highlands Park is available from the FY2008 Capital Maintenance Funds. The funds are available in account number 313-80001-PDVB-0649-0000.