

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #19 (2010-2011)

November 8, 2010

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: PREQUALIFICATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF SURFACES

ASD Goal: *All ASD departments support the mission of the District and will be highly effective, efficient, and responsive to internal and external customers.*

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to pre-qualify Field Turf's Duraspine PRO, and West Pac Sports System's Domo Champion Supreme, to be used for the installation of synthetic turf surfaces at South Anchorage High School and future District installations for the next five years.

PERTINENT FACTS:

There are currently five synthetic turf surfaces installed throughout the District. Three fields are Field Turf and two fields are Global Synthetic Environmental (GSE). GSE submitted a product with no installations and as a result they are not recommended for prequalification.

The District's overall objective is to install a synthetic turf surface at all secondary schools that do not currently have one installed. They have proven to be an extremely valuable asset to the District, the athletic programs, and to local communities. They allow substantially increased usage and lower ongoing maintenance costs as compared to typical grass fields.

Currently South Anchorage High School is funded by Legislative grants to install a synthetic turf field to be constructed during summer 2011. USKH was retained to provide engineering services for this project to include selection of acceptable synthetic turf surfaces, preparation of the bid documents, and assistance in construction administration.

It is the District's intent to standardize synthetic turf surfaces to help enable the District to provide durable, safe, and established products to our users that will also reduce the ongoing maintenance of these fields. The standardization of products would allow the Facilities Department to move forward in completing construction documents for South Anchorage High School as well as assisting in the planning efforts for future projects.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued by the Purchasing Department on September 30, 2010, soliciting technical, warranty, and product performance data that would be used as a basis for pre-qualifying synthetic turf vendors for standardization (Attachment A). The Facilities Department, working with USKH, identified and developed a comprehensive list of minimum standards that were included in the solicitation. The intent of the RFQ was to generate a list of vendors and products that met the District's minimum standards of quality and proven performance, safety, durability, and maintainability.

The RFQ was sent to several vendors, the Synthetic Turf Council, and distributed to local and nationwide plans rooms which have substantial membership. The District received submittals from ten synthetic turf vendors. Vendors also had the option of submitting more than one product, and one vendor did propose two different synthetic turf products, for a total of 11 submitted products (Attachment B).

A selection committee comprised of two representatives from the Facilities Department, one representative from the Municipality's Parks and Recreation Department and one representative from USKH, reviewed and evaluated the proposals. The Parks and Recreation representative, Director John Rodda, has performed extensive research and evaluation of synthetic turf fields.

Each product was evaluated for quality, durability, product warranty, and successful past installation history, including the review of references. Several vendors were not considered for prequalification based upon the following reasons:

- Their proposed product did not meet the minimum standards as outlined in the Request for Qualifications.
- Incomplete submittal of information.
- Lack of proven history of successful installations of synthetic turf in northern climates.
- No field installations or references provided for the proposed product.

As a result of the committee's evaluation of the eleven submitted products, the two products listed below are recommended for approval for use on South High

School and future synthetic turf installations for the District for up to a five year period:

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>
Field Turf	Duraspine Pro
West Pac Sports Systems	Domo Champion Supreme

The District reserves the right to solicit additional Request for Qualifications in the future if market conditions and product manufacture change and it is determined that it would be in the District's best interest to modify these prequalified products.

CC/MA/RA/PC/MP/JA/JP

Attachments

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ABSTRACT OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Commodity or Service: Prequalification of Synthetic Turf Vendors

Request for Qualifications Due: 4:00 P.M., Anchorage Time  
October 15, 2010

Number of Requests for Qualifications Sent: Fourteen (14)

Number of Request for Qualifications Received: Ten (10)

Addendum Issued: None

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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
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1301 Labar Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

TABULATION OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Due: October 15, 2010, 4:00 P.M., Anchorage Time

Invitation: Request for Qualifications, Pre-Qualification of Synthetic Turf Vendors  
10-069-RFQ

LIST OF VENDORS SUBMITTING PRODUCTS THAT MEET STANDARDS

1.	Field Turf *	2.	West Pac Sports Systems (Domo)
	8088 Montview, TMR		2001 Montreal Road, Suite 115
	Montreal, QC, H4P 2L7		Tucker, Ga. 30084

LIST OF VENDORS SUBMITTING PRODUCTS NOT MEETING  
STANDARDS

1.	Global Synthetics Environmental	2.	X-Grass, Inc (The Motz Group)
	17829 N. Achord Road		303 Callahan Cavender Rd. SE
	Baton Rouge, La. 70817		Dalton, Ga. 30721
3.	Astro Turf	4.	A-Turf, Inc.
	8340 Quail Oaks Dr.		505 Aero Drive
	Granite Bay, Ca. 95746		Cheektowaga, NY. 14221
5.	Hellas Construction, Inc.	6.	Exerplay, Inc. (ForeverLawn, Inc.)
	380 State Place		P.O. Box 240008
	Escondido, Ca. 92029		Anchorage, Ak. 99524
7.	Shaw Sportexe	8.	Sprinturf
	19312 205 <sup>th</sup> St. E		660 American Ave., Suite 101
	Orting, Wa. 98360		King of Prussia, Pa. 19406
9.	Field Turf *		
	8088 Montview, TMR		
	Montreal, QC, H4P 2L7		

\* Submitted two products