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To: Coppel ISD Board of Trustees
From: Sid Grant
Date: March 23, 2011

cc: Dr. Jeff Turner, Kelly Penny, Denise Sullivan, Louis Macias, John Crawford

Re: Lesley Field Turf Replacement

As part of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Coppel to share in the use and the cost of replacing the grass with artificial turf at Lesley Field, SHW Group architects, Glenn Engineering, and Coppel ISD developed specifications and solicited proposals for the turf replacement. Proposals meeting the specifications were received from four qualified, reputable turf providers including, Field Turf USA, Inc. (\$1,202,574), Hellas Construction, Inc. (\$899,000), Paragon Sports Constructors, LLC (\$889,149), and Texas Sports Builders, Inc. (\$945,500).

As part of each bid, we asked each proposer to include in their base bid the price for the safety “e-layer” that lies beneath the turf. As you may recall when we replaced the high school turf in 2007, we included an “e-layer” as part of the renovation. The e-layer is designed to help minimize the force of impact when students fall on the turf. Studies indicate that the inclusion of the “e-layer” may reduce injuries. All bids received, as well as the recommendation below includes pricing for an “e-layer”.

The Competitive Sealed Proposal purchasing method as provided in the Texas Education Code 44.031 was used to obtain proposals from interested, qualified vendors. All specifications were developed jointly by the SHW Group, Glenn Engineering, and Coppel ISD, with additional input provided from the City of Coppel and Coppel Lacrosse.

Proposals were received and evaluated on March 22, 2011 at 2:00pm. A proposal evaluation committee was comprised of:

- John Elias - Park Operations Manager for the City of Coppel
- Robert Howman - Engineer with Glenn Engineering
- Vidhya Pai - Architect with SHW Group
- Denise Sullivan - Director of Purchasing, CISD
- John Crawford - Athletic Director, CISD
- Louis Macias - Director of Facilities, CISD
- Sid Grant - Ass't Superintendent for Business and Support Services, CISD

After careful evaluation of all proposals and scoring each vendor as provided for in the bid specifications, the committee was unanimous in its scoring and belief that the Hellas proposal would provide the best overall value to the school district and to the city.

While the Paragon proposal was \$9,851 less than the Hellas bid, all members of the committee were largely unfamiliar with the Paragon product and the company. According to the Texas State Comptroller, Paragon Sports Constructors, LLC was registered with the state of Texas in August of 2009. Although Paragon has had a few project completions in the D/FW metroplex, Hellas has been the leader in turf replacements for the area for many years, including the turf replacement at Buddy Echols Field in 2007. Our experience with Hellas has been excellent. Their level of service, timeliness, and warranty work has been exceptional.

According to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Coppell, the city will reimburse Coppell ISD upon substantial completion of the project one-half or up to \$500,000 of the cost of the turf replacement. This leaves Coppell ISD paying \$449,500 of the cost of the turf replacement. We had originally estimated \$500,000 for our portion of the cost of this project to be paid out of the 2009 bond proceeds.

An architectural rendition of the field and striping patterns follows this page. The field will include striping to accommodate football, soccer, and lacrosse.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees approve Hellas Construction, Inc. as the contractor to complete the turf replacement at Lesley Field for the sum of \$899,000.

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