



To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Dennis Womack & Kit Pehl
Date: September 27, 2021
cc: Dr. Brad Hunt

RE: Baseball and Softball Complex Field Turf Installation & Improvements

Background:

In accordance with Coppel ISD Board Policy CH(LEGAL), the District obtained pricing proposals from synthetic turf vendors through cooperative purchasing programs for the installation on the baseball and softball complex fields. Purchases made through a cooperative purchasing program satisfy state law requiring the district to seek competitive bids for the purchase. This is because the cooperative takes the responsibility to legally bid, document, and manage the awarded contracts for its governmental members.

The Coppel ISD Athletic Department has thoroughly evaluated the synthetic turf products for baseball and softball fields from vendors including Field Turf, Hellas, and Paragon. Unlike synthetic turf systems for soccer or football fields, the installation of turf on baseball and softball fields is more specialized. The baseball and softball turf system must simulate the bounce of a ball consistently as a player would encounter on a natural grass field. Additionally, extra measures must be taken in the high traffic areas, including the batter's box, around the bases, and the pitching mound. The system has to be soft enough to protect players sliding into bases or making a diving catch, but also hard enough so hit balls do not unnaturally bounce over the player or unexpectedly and suddenly change direction.

The CISD Board of Trustees allocated \$2,500,000 for this project from the 2016 bond authorization. Competitive proposals were received from Field Turf, Hellas, and Paragon on September 20, 2021, at 10:00 AM. After careful evaluation of the three proposals, it was determined the proposal from Hellas Construction was the lowest cost and offered the best value for the District. Hellas Construction's proposal was submitted using the Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract #17-18DP-03 in the amount of \$2,139,445 and within the project budget. The administration recommends including a small contingency of approximately 3.5% to cover any unforeseen conditions that may arise during the project for a total contract amount of \$2,214,445.

Recommendation: Award and enter a contract with Hellas Construction, Inc. through the Government Procurement Alliance Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, Contract #17-18DP-03 for the installation of synthetic turf and supporting improvements at the baseball and softball complex for the sum of \$2,214,445.