



City of Naples

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DECLARATION OF INTENT TO AWARD

Issued from the City of Naples, Florida

Date: 01/27/2014

Time: 4:00 PM Local Time

Bid Number: 14-018 Mulch Installation ITB

This is Formal Notice of the City's Intent to Award the above Project to:

**A Personal Touch Lawn Service, Inc.
210 31st Street SW
Naples FL, 34117**

BID PROTEST PROCEDURE

Pursuant of 7-2 Bid Protests of City Policy: The following procedures are to comply with section 8 of the procurement policy. In any case where a bidder wishes to protest either the results of or intended disposition of any bid, the bidder or interested bidder must: (a) File a written notice to the Purchasing Manager, explaining in detail the nature of the protest and the grounds on which it is based. This notice must be received by the Purchasing Manager no later than 48 hours (two business days) after the City's declaration of intent to award the bid. At that time the bid process shall be suspended until the protest procedure, herein depicted, has been completed. (b) PROTEST BOND. Each written protest must be accompanied by a bid protest bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the City of Naples, in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the lowest responsible bid, but not to exceed \$7,500. (c) Upon timely receipt of the formal written protest, the City Purchasing Manager may take up to two (2) business days to attempt to resolve any protest. If mutually resolved at this level, the bid protest bond shall be returned in its entirety. (d) If there is no mutual solution, the Purchasing Manager shall forward the formal written protest with any action taken to the City Attorney who shall act as the bid Protest Officer. The City Attorney shall hand down a formal finding of fact and a written decision with regard to the validity or nonvalidity of the protest within twelve (12) business days of the City's receipt of the formal written protest. (e) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the receipt of the formal findings of fact and written decision, the City shall notify the protesting bidder or protesting interested bidder of the decision of the bid protest officer. Such notification may be transmitted via facsimile machine or certified return receipt required mail. (f) FORFEIT OF BOND. Should the protest be determined by the Protest Officer to be without merit or non-valid, the bond shall be forfeited to the City.