

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Joel Taylor, Director  
Division of Finance  
c/o Fred Myers

FROM: Wayne A. Roberts, Executive Director  
Recreation and Parks Department

DATE: September 12, 2005

RE: Bid # SA001738 GRW Bid Opening 08/25/2005

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After reviewing bid SA001738 for three (3) Drum Chippers and One (1) Stump Cutter, we recommend the awards as follows:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Each</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>	<u>F.I.N.</u>
Item 1.	Vermeer Sales & Service of Southern Ohio Inc.	\$34,770.00	\$104,310.00	36-3116243
Item 6.	Vermeer Sales & Service of Southern Ohio Inc.	\$24,930.00	\$24,930.00	36-3116243

**Grand Total Bids: \$129,240.00**

No trade-in awards are recommended as listed in Items 2., 3., 4., and 7. No award recommendations are made for Items 5. and 8. for optional extended warranties.

Vermeer Sales & Service of Southern Ohio Inc. was the best bid for Item 1. at \$34,770.00 each that met all the specifications. Other bids received for Item 1. included an apparent low bid by Best Equipment Co. of \$33,354.00 each that did not meet specification 3.4.1 on material capacity, 3.5.1 on vertical feed rollers and 3.6.1 on bottom feed safety stop bar on the chipper. The other bidder was Franklin Tractor Co. at \$37,205.00 each.

Vermeer Sales & Service of Southern Ohio Inc. was the best bid price for the Item 6. that met the specifications. Other bids received for Item 6. included an apparent low bid by Franklin Tractor Co. of \$24,386.00 that did not meet specifications direct drive 3.16.3, 3.16.4 and 3.16.5 (bid belt drive). The unit also did not meet specification 3.17.2 on the cutting range arc of 103" (bid 93"). Rayco Manufacturing Inc., whose bid document was incomplete, was non-responsive.

Contract Compliance for Vermeer Sales & Service of Southern Ohio Inc. is valid through 04/10/2006.

Recreation and Parks will originate the legislation for these purchases.

Funding Source: Cap Fund 702 – Rec. & Parks Equipment, Project 510040 OCA 510040; ObjLv3. 6651

If further information is needed, please call Jack Zimmerman 645-3315 or Michael Gimeson at 645-6653.

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