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From: Brant, Al C.
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2005 11:45 AM
To: Williamson, Ron
Subject: RE: SA001773 - 11' Rotary Mower Bid Recommendation

1. Green Thumb was low bidder @ \$35,760.00. Bid is non-responsive for incomplete signature page and incomplete affidavit page.
2. Baker Vehicle Systems, Inc. @ \$41,100.00.
 - a) HR6010 does not operate at specified rpm's resulting in reduced turning capacity and greater wheel slippage.
 - b) HR6010 has combined cutting width of 127"
 - c) HR6010 has sealed deck spindle bearings, not greaseable spindle bearings as specified.
 - d) HR6010 does not have center mowing deck tilt capabilities of 90 degrees as specified for servicing.
 - e) HR6010 does not have anti-scalp cups on each blade that provide ground following capabilities as specified.
3. Recommend purchase of Toro4000D @ \$42,709.00. Decline extended warranty