



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

AM No. 252 -2008

Meeting Date: April 15, 2008

1 **From:** Mayor

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3 **Subject:** Proprietary Purchase of Artificial Turf Outdoor In-Filled Playing Surface with Drainage
4 System from FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the Municipality of Anchorage, Eagle
5 River/Chugiak Parks, Recreation & Community Development (\$499,999)
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8 Approval of this purchase will provide the artificial turf playing surface with drainage system,
9 duosport design, and related maintenance equipment for a complete artificial surface installation on
10 the football and soccer field at Chugiak High School. The cost of the artificial turf system as
11 negotiated is \$499,999, and the sales agreement requires delivery no later than July 1, 2008, with
12 installation to be completed no later than July 25, 2008.
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14 The FieldTurf system is identical to the product purchased for the 1999 Anchorage Football
15 stadium replacement project and the 2007 Dimond High School artificial turf project, and which will
16 be installed at the Kincaid soccer project. This product has proven to be highly satisfactory even in
17 the harsh Alaska climate. Use of the FieldTurf system at Chugiak will permit interchangeability of
18 maintenance equipment with the other sites as needed. It will also provide immediate availability
19 and interchangeability of product in the event of damage to one of the fields.
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21 FieldTurf USA, Inc. is the manufacturer and sole source for the FieldTurf outdoor in-filled artificial
22 turf system. It is the only manufacturer that will provide an eight year, third party insured, warranty
23 on its artificial turf system. Parks staff, area legislators, and community members have spent
24 several years researching and inspecting artificial turf installations by various manufacturers.
25 FieldTurf USA, Inc. is acknowledged for its longevity, quality, and participant safety experience.
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27 Concurrent to the purchase and delivery of the artificial turf system, the Eagle River/Chugiak Parks,
28 Recreation & Community Development will prepare the necessary specifications and requirements
29 to competitively bid the construction services for the civil work and final installation services of the
30 turf system at the Chugiak High School.
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32 Based upon the above information and attached Departmental Memorandum, it is recommended
33 that the Assembly approve the proprietary purchase of the FieldTurf outdoor in-filled playing
34 surface system from FieldTurf USA, Inc. in the total amount of \$499,999.
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36 Recommended by: Barton R. Mauldin, Purchasing Officer
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38 Fund Certification: Sharon Weddleton, CFO
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40 462-5479-5301-547903-BP2007 - \$499,999
41 (2007 Legislative Grant/Chugiak High School Field Turf)
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43 Concur: Michael K. Abbott, Municipal Manager
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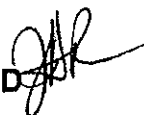
45 Respectfully submitted, Mark Begich, Mayor

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EAGLE RIVER /CHUGIAK PARKS, RECREATION
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

Date: April 2, 2008

To: Bart Mauldin, Purchasing Officer

From: John Rodda, Manager, Eagle River/Chugiak PR&CD 

Subject: Sole Source Procurement of FieldTurf USA Inc. - Artificial Turf Outdoor In-filled Playing Surface, Drainage System, Duo-Sport Design and Related Maintenance Equipment

This memorandum is to request sole source procurement of a FieldTurf USA Inc. **100,600 sq. ft. artificial turf outdoor in-filled playing surface (FTHS 1F FieldTurf 2.5 inch Pro Series Duofilament – Two Tone)**, drainage system (**PDS Tiles**), duo-sport design (**football and soccer markings**), and related maintenance equipment (**Parker Estate Sweeper and 15' drag brush**) for installation and cooperative community use at Chugiak High School.

FieldTurf USA Inc. is the recognized industry leader in manufactured artificial turf with installations at over 20 NFL stadiums and practice fields, 300 universities and community colleges, 450 high schools, and 20 professional soccer fields. There are over 1900 installations world-wide.

FieldTurf USA Inc. supplies the highest quality artificial turf using a combination of flat and spined extruded monofilament fibers, 50% more in-fill material (silica sand and cryogenic rubber particles), and permeable drain tiles designed for site-specific soil conditions.

FieldTurf USA Inc. was the manufacturer and installer of the 1999 Anchorage Football Stadium turf replacement and 2007 Dimond High School artificial turf project, and selected for the 2008 Kincaid soccer project.

In all three installations and now proposed for Chugiak High School, FieldTurf USA Inc. has quoted national pricing and this sole source procurement provides cost savings estimated at \$100,000. FieldTurf's pricing also includes shipping costs F.O.B. Tacoma and allows for owner negotiated shipping from Tacoma and F.O.B. Chugiak (spotted on site). Using a local provider, additional cost savings are estimated at \$30,000.

Staff, area legislators, and community members have spent over three years researching and inspecting artificial turf installations by various manufacturers. FieldTurf USA Inc. is the only company acknowledged for its longevity, quality, and participant safety experience. It is also the only manufacturer supplying an eight (8) year third-party insured warranty.

The requested sole source procurement will provide important benefits to the Municipality of Anchorage, Anchorage School District and Eagle River/Chugiak residents. The versatility and multiple use of artificial turf provides for extended seasonal play, reduced maintenance costs, and a safer playing experience for all sports and age groups. The related maintenance equipment will be stored at Chugiak High School but available for primary or back-up use at all four (4) field installations.

Timing: Procurement is critical to meet the construction schedule window as established by the Anchorage School District. Site preparations will be done under separate contract and will begin on May 27th with completion by June 30th. Negotiated shipping arrangements will land the FieldTurf products on-site and ready for installation commencing July 1st for completion by July 25th.

Cost: There will be no cost benefit if the competitive bidding process is used, and in fact, a higher cost would be expected. Cost for shipping would also be significantly higher than owner negotiated rates.

Repair Materials: FieldTurf USA Inc. supplies 600 sq. ft. of replacement turf (turf colors and lines included) and 2000 lbs. each of silica and cryogenic rubber in-fill material.

Maintenance Equipment: The Parker Estate Sweeper and fifteen (15) foot drag brush are designed for FieldTurf artificial turf in-filled playing surfaces and will be available for use at all four field installations.

Funds Availability:

Eagle River/Chugiak Capital Funds (462-5479-5301-547903-BP2007) \$499,999.00
Legislative Grant / Chugiak High School Field Turf

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Title: Drainage System from FieldTurf USA, Inc. for the Municipality of Anchorage, Eagle River/Chugiak Parks Recreation & Community Development (\$499,999)**Author:** maglaquijp**Initiating Dept:** Purchasing**Description:** Pre-encumbered, PR #18234, \$499,999**Date Prepared:** 4/3/08 11:16 AM**Director Name:** Barton R. Mauldin**Assembly** 4/15/08**Meeting Date:**

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