



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Purchasing
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NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS

From: Andrea Caruth, Assistant Purchasing Director

Date: February 23, 2021

Re: Invitation For Bid 21-30 Dilboy Turf and Track Renovation

The City of Somerville (the City) is rejecting all bids received in response to IFB 21-30 Dilboy Turf and Track Renovation, and will revise and rebid the project. Pursuant to M.G.L. c.30, §39M and the IFB,

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids when the City determines that it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

The specifications included in the IFB included reference to a synthetic woven turf as specified by GreenfieldsUSA or equal as approved by the City. Based on counsel from the Attorney General's Bid Unit and the City's own general counsel, it was determined that the specifications would be deemed too restrictive or proprietary.

M.G.L. c. 30, §39M(b), requires that specifications be written so that "[f]or each item of material the specifications shall provide for either a minimum of three named brands of material or a description of material which can be met by a minimum of three manufacturers or producers, and for the equal of any one of said name[d] or described materials."

As a result, the City has determined it is in its best interest to cancel this IFB and reject all bids received.