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**CITY OF TEMPE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Council Meeting Date: 08/04/2016**  
**Agenda Item: 5B11**

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**ACTION:** Ratify the sole source award of a contract with Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. for Hilltopper brand products to be used to renovate the softball fields at Daley Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Total cost for this contract will not exceed \$103,000. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Park Improvement/Recreation Capital Improvement Project Fund cost center 6305969 (Ballfield Infield Renovation).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Ratify the contract award.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The sole source contract shall provide for a one-time purchase of Hilltopper® infield mix, conditioner and mound clay for the renovation of the softball fields at Daley Park. The Hilltopper® products will cover 27,200 sq. ft. at the softball fields.

Justification for the Sole Source

The City of Tempe has determined that the Hilltopper® products referenced above are unique and are specialized tangible goods that are only manufactured and sold by Stabilizer Solutions, Inc. These particular products have been found by City staff to be the most effective on Tempe sports fields and are historically the product used on City ball fields.

The product blends are specially designed to bind water and retain moisture in a way that is preferable in the valley's dry, extreme climate. The product blend also contain substances that do not allow movement or travel of soil that could result in damage of turf and essentially be the cause for premature replacement of the sports fields and turf.

The City competitively bid these items in the past and was unable to find any firms that could provide equivalent specialized products that are as effective as the Hilltopper® products. Mike Clark, who manages Tempe Diablo Sports Complex, has extensive experience with ball field products and has assessed the City's youth sports complexes and is recommending the Hilltopper® products. Providing quality ball field conditions at all City sports complexes is important to promote safety and playability.

Pricing

The pricing is as follows:

Product Description and Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
Hilltopper® Infield Mix – 378 tons	\$230/ton	\$89,940.00
Hilltopper® Conditioner – 15 tons	\$215/ton	\$3,225.00
Hilltopper® Mound Clay – 80 bags	\$13/bag	\$1,040.00
Freight		\$3,175.00
Tax		\$7,843.63
Total		\$102,223.63

Reasons for Ratification

Staff was not able to prepare this request in time for the June Regular Council Meetings and as a result needed to exercise its delegated award authority in order to accommodate the construction schedule for the Daley Park renovation which required the product to be provided by the second week of July.

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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