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**Bid Award - Installation of a PVC Membrane Liner at the Northeast and Westside Pools and Installation of a Bulkhead System at the Northeast Pool (B)**

**This item involves a request for the City Commission to authorize the bid award to Natare Corporation for the installation of a PVC membrane liner at the Northeast and Westside Pools and installation of a bulkhead system at the Northeast Pool.**

On November 16, 2006 the City's Purchasing Division received bids for the installation of a PVC membrane liner at the Northeast and Westside Pools and installation of a bulkhead system at the Northeast Pool. The Northeast Pool is located at 1100 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the Westside Pool is located at 1001 NW 31<sup>st</sup> Drive. Two (2) firms responded with bids and Natare Corporation was the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of \$334,105.

The Northeast and Westside Pools are in need of resurfacing for the safety and enjoyment of facility guests.

Currently both pools have a fiberglass liner. However, the current liners are deteriorating and many areas no longer have the protective gel coat over the fiberglass. The new PVC liners will add comfort, safety and operational advantages to the pools. No longer will the expansion joints in either pool deteriorate to a dangerous level nor will water be able to leak through since the liner is applied directly over the current pool shells and fiberglass. This will save the City of Gainesville in water costs. Also, the liners do not absorb the sanitizing chemicals, thus saving the City of Gainesville in chemical costs. The PVC liner is also more shock absorbing than the fiberglass liner concerning direct contact with guests.

In addition to the PVC liner, the Northeast Pool will also receive a moveable bulkhead.

The advantages of adding a moveable bulkhead to the current facility are: 1) the creation of six (6) additional short course lanes to the pool which will provide additional swim team space; 2) the creation of a "bridge" to cross over the deep area of the pool for safety purposes and convenience; and 3) the ability to move the bulkhead from 25 yards to 25 meters or 30 meters for aquatic sports practices and other events such as underwater hockey, water polo, and synchronized swimming.

Overall, the two liners and bulkhead will provide additional opportunities for expanded facility use and revenue generation at the Northeast Pool and a safer and more pleasing environment for Westside Pool guests.

Funding for this project (\$334,105.00) is available in 335-850-C367-5720-6030 and 335-850-C368-5720-6030.

**Recommended Motion:** The City Commission approve the bid award to Natare Corporation and the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$334,105.00 for the installation of a PVC membrane liner at the Northeast and Westside Pools and installation of a bulkhead system at the Northeast Pool.

**Alternative Recommendation:** The City Commission deny the request for the bid award to Natare Corporation.