

*Department Of Physical Plant & Operations*

**To:** Board of Education  
**Via:** Hank Thiele  
**From:** Jim Kolodziej  
**Re:** Award of Contracts-Custodial, Maintenance & Grounds Supplies  
**Date:** June 13, 2019

Bid specifications were developed for public bidding of custodial, maintenance and grounds supplies for the 2019-20 fiscal year. The bid was advertised in a local newspaper and vendors on our current bidders list were suitably notified. Eighteen (18) vendors submitted bids. The following vendors submitted the lowest prices for one or more products.

<b>Ramrod Distribution Inc. Elk Grove, IL</b>	<b>\$21,994.28</b>
<b>HP Products Alsip, IL</b>	<b>\$66,804.65</b>
<b>North American Glenview, IL</b>	<b>\$2,629.99</b>
<b>National Seed Lisle, IL</b>	<b>\$21,156.20</b>
<b>Central Poly Linden, NJ</b>	<b>\$11,334.00</b>
<b>Pioneer MFG Cleveland, OH</b>	<b>\$280.00</b>
<b>Pyramid School Products Tampa Bay, FL</b>	<b>\$4,292.00</b>
<b>Filter Services Inc. Elk Grove Village, IL</b>	<b>\$126.72</b>
<b>Conserve FS Tinley Park, IL</b>	<b>\$1,098.00</b>
<b>Trane Willowbrook, IL</b>	<b>\$1,484.58</b>
<b>Pike Systems Inc. Montgomery, IL</b>	<b>\$6,506.17</b>

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For several years now, the bulk purchasing of custodial, maintenance and grounds supplies has been very successful and this year proves that once again. A total of eighteen (18) vendors bid on the supplies needed for District 99. As a result, we experienced flat pricing for a majority of the products. Many of these vendors have submitted bids in the past few years and what we are seeing is relatively flat pricing for the same products they bid on the year before. This, in turn, is saving our school district thousands of dollars for the purchase of these supplies.

Our order a year ago was reduced to eliminate overstocked supplies at our campuses. We depleted those items and are replenishing with a better calculation of our supply needs for a given school year. On a yearly basis, some supplies are hard to predict what amounts will be needed, such as salt for our winter season. On these, I always weigh on the side of ordering a bit more so that we lock in a low unit cost. Overall, we still see unit costs remain flat on almost all items ordered this year, which is very positive.

We have reviewed all bids and believe we are getting the lowest prices available and all vendors meet our requirements. Bid totals are also within our budget projected for supplies.

We ask the Board of Education to approve award of contract for custodial, maintenance and grounds supplies to the vendors listed above in the aggregate amount of **\$137,706.61**.