

July 18-29, 2016

ITEM 172-1001-R0716

Request for Authorization to Replace Turf at Washington-Grizzly Stadium – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

In accordance with Board of Regents Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana – Missoula to expend up to \$500,000 to replace turf at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

EXPLANATION

The current artificial turf at Washington-Grizzly Stadium was installed in July 2008. With seven years of service, the turf is not wearing well and has created safety concerns for users. This past winter was alarmingly impactful on the artificial fibers, rendering them inflexible. Years of frost heaves have caused the base to lift and subsequently sink on the west side and in the north end zone.

As part of regular maintenance, Intercollegiate Athletics planned to replace the turf in July 2017. However, a number of favorable factors have led to this request.

- The contractor, FieldTurf, signed a cooperative purchasing agreement with the State of Montana and the Montana University System in January 2015 which guarantees a negotiated price for turf replacement, eliminating the requirement to bid for services. FieldTurf is the industry leader in artificial turf and performed exceptionally well with University of Montana’s softball complex and Montana State University’s Bobcat Stadium.
- FieldTurf will likely be in Missoula this July working on the track project at Missoula County Stadium at Big Sky High School. At that time, they could remove the old turf, base grade and install a new and have it complete prior to fall camp for football.
- In consideration of their ability to capitalize on their resources in Missoula this summer, their concern for the shape of the existing turf and the fiscal affairs of Intercollegiate Athletics, FieldTurf has agreed to delay billing and expectation of payment until the 1st quarter of 2018.
- Intercollegiate Athletics is planning to spend \$10,000 on the existing turf in fiscal year 2017 for repair and maintenance to minimize field use liability if the old turf remains.

This authority request is for an amount greater than \$350,000, which requires the following additional information:

(a) Project Description:

The work performed under this authority encompasses the removal of existing unsafe turf, grading the current subpar foundation and installing new artificial turf at the Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

(b) Cost estimate and Funding Sources:

Construction \$500,000

PROJECT TOTAL	\$500,000
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FieldTurf agrees to install the asset over a 5-week period in July and August 2016 and invoice the Grizzly Scholarship Association (GSA) one year later at the beginning of fiscal year 2018. Intercollegiate Athletics will work with the GSA to develop a repayment plan with the expectation that it will be paid in full by December 2017.

(c) Programs served, enrollment data, projected enrollments:

All Intercollegiate Athletics programs, Intramural sports clubs, local/regional athletic competitions, graduation and other various entertainment programs.

(d) Space Utilization Data:

80,000 square feet for the above mentioned programs, which will not be change due to this project.

(e) Projected use for available residual space:

N/A

(f) Projected O&M Costs and proposed funding sources:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 – State of Montana Participating Addendum with FieldTurf