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**Inter-Departmental Memorandum
CENTRAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT**

DATE: March 18, 2026

To: Gary Piotrowicz, P.E., PTOE, Deputy Managing Director

FROM: Mary N. Gillis, P.E., Director, Central Operations Department *mg*

SUBJECT: FY 2026 GRASS SEED, ANNUAL ESTIMATED QUANTITIES - IFB NO.7908

Background:

Grass Seed, MDOT Class "A," is maintained as inventory by the Central Operations Department and is used to establish vegetation in exposed areas and prevent erosion. Annual quantity requirements are estimated by the Highway Maintenance Department based on anticipated usage.

Bids were published on February 20, 2026, and opened on March 10, 2026. Bids were solicited from several suppliers with four bids received.

Financial Considerations:

The lowest responsive bid meeting specifications was received from Rhino Seed and Turf Supply at a unit price of \$1.37 per pound, with firm fixed pricing for the 2026 season.

DESCRIPTION	2025 PRICE	2026 PRICE	% (+/-)
Grass Seed MDOT Class A (per pound)	41.44	\$1.37	-4.86%

The Highway Maintenance Department will monitor usage and make budget adjustments as necessary.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications from Rhino Seed and Turf Supply, in the total estimated amount of \$41,100.00, and reject all other bids.

DocuSigned by:
Gary Piotrowicz
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Inter-Departmental Memorandum

Highway Maintenance

Date: March 17, 2026

TO: Mary Gillis, P.E., Director of Central Operations
FROM: Jay Carter, P.E., Maintenance Operations Engineer
SUBJECT: **BID RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2026 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRASS SEED - IFB No. 7908**

Bids were received for the FY 2026 requirements for Grass Seed to be released as required and delivered to the PVR Stockroom.

The lowest bidder is Rhino Seed and Turf Supply with a unit price of \$1.37 per pound, and firm fixed pricing for 2026 season. Rhino Seed and Turf Supply has been a provider of products to the Road Commission for many years with favorable results. The Highway Maintenance Department will monitor the use of this material and make budget adjustments as necessary.

Grass Seed IFB No. 7908
Price increase/decrease table

Description	2025 Price	2026 Price	% (+/-)
Grass Seed MDOT Class A (per pound)	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.37	-4.86%

I, therefore, recommend the Board accept the low bid meeting specifications for Grass Seed from Rhino Seed and Turf Supply, in the amount of \$41,100.00.

Road Commission for Oakland County

7908 - GRASS SEED, ANNUAL ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

March 10, 2026 / 2:39 PM

Is there an objection or deviation?

Specify:

How long do you anticipate your ability to hold pricing?

Minimum order requirements.

Indicate number of days for delivery to RCOC after receipt of order:

Do you offer payment discounts? For example, 2% 10 Net 30

If so, state discount

Bid Solicitation Doc(s) Returned / Uploaded

rhino seed and turf supply <small>850 N.Old US 23 Brighton, MI 48114</small>								Hanes Geo Components <small>38160 Amrehin Rd, Kingston Center, Building 3E Livonia, MI 48150</small>				
No								No				
2026								Term of contract				
0								1 bag= 50#, prefer 40 bags=2000# increments				
1-2 days								1-3 days, typically 1-2 days				
No								No				
Yes								Yes				
Description	Quantity	UOM	Manufacturer	Part #	Price	Total Cost	Vendor Comment	Manufacturer	Part #	Price	Total Cost	Vendor Comment
3511301 GRASS SEED 50# BAG MDOT CLASS A "NO SUBSTITUTIONS"	30000	Pound	Rhino Seed & Laandscape Supply	MXHWY CLASS	\$ 1.37	\$ 41,100.00		Hanes GeoPro	84082	\$ 1.51	\$ 45,300.00	50# bags, 40 bags per pallet. Class A seed mix.
TOTALS:			\$ 41,100.00					\$ 45,300.00				

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SiteOne Landscape Supply <small>24500 Center Ridge Road, Suite 350 Westlake, Ohio 44145</small>								Swipe Resources LLC <small>7491 Flag Point Ct Manassas, VA 20109</small>				
No								No				
1 year after award								90 days				
None								TBD				
3-5 days ARO								7-10 days ARO				
No								Yes				
0% Net 30 days								0.25% Net 10/Net 30				
Yes								Yes				
Description	Quantity	UOM	Manufacturer	Part #	Price	Total Cost	Vendor Comment	Manufacturer	Part #	Price	Total Cost	Vendor Comment
3511301 GRASS SEED 50# BAG MDOT CLASS A "NO SUBSTITUTIONS"	30000	Pound	LESCO	MDOTTH M	\$ 1.82	\$ 54,600.00		La Crosse		\$ 4.40	\$ 132,000.00	
TOTALS:			\$ 54,600.00					\$ 132,000.00				