PURCHASING AGENDA ITEM

Hernando County School District

School Board Approval Meeting: **April 28, 2026**

Bid No. 26-020-41 PB

Bid Title: Tree Maintenance Equipment, Attachments & Accessories

Recommend approval of this agenda item under the specific category below:

☐Lowest Bid(s)	☐Request for Proposal(s)	☐Low Bid(s) Meeting Specification	☐Rejection/Cancellation
☐Revised Award	☐Renewal of Contract	☐Sole/Single Source	☐Re-Award (Partial/Whole)
☐Contract Termination	☐Amendments to Contract	☐Extension of Contract	☐Emergency
☐Reversed Auction	☒Piggyback (Sourcewell)	☐Responsive/Responsible Bidders	

Bid Contract Period: 04/28/2026 through 02/24/2029 ☐ N/A – One Time Purchase

Contract Type: ☐ Estimated Dollar Amount ☐ Firm, Fixed Dollar Amount ☐ Firm, Fixed Unit Prices ☒ Firm, Fixed Unit Prices, Hourly Rates, Fees and/or Percentages

Renewal Options:

No. of Terms Remaining	☐ Length of Each Term (month)	☒ Length of Each Term (year)	☐ None
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Rationale/Reason: Piggyback the Sourcewell Cooperative, RFP #010925 Contract #010925-MBI, #010925-BAN, 010925-VRM: Tree Maintenance Equipment, Attachments & Accessories, awarded to Morbark, LLC., Bandit Industries, Inc., & Vermeer Manufacturing Company dba Vermeer Corporation. HCSB Bid No. 26-020-41 PB has been assigned for internal tracking purposes.

Bidders Electronically Downloaded From Bidnet Direct Website:	Bids Received:	No Bids:	Late Bids:	Rejected Bids:	☒ N/A – Bids Not Required:
n/a					Piggyback

Submitted By: Christopher Reckner
Director of Purchasing & Warehousing

School(s): District Wide

Requested By: Joseph Rychcik
Director of Maintenance

Department(s): Maintenance Department

Recommended award: (See attached)

T/C CODE: 2641

Awarded Vendor:

Bandit Industries, Inc.
Jason Morey
(989)561-6175
jmorey@banditchippers.com
www.banditchippers.com

Products & Services: Brush chippers, Wood chippers, Hand-fed chippers, Stump grinders, Wood waste grinders, Horizontal grinders, Slow speed shredders

Pricing:

- ◊ 12% off MSRP on 1 machine
- ◊ 15% off MSRP on 2 or more machines

Morbark, LLC
www.morbark.com
James Cheney
(844)966-7227
James.cheney@morbark.com

Products & Services: Brush chippers: Stump cutters, Mini skid steers, Articulated wheel loaders, Forestry crawlers, Mulching head attachments, Whole tree chippers, Horizontal grinders, Tub grinders, Chiparvestors, Flails

Pricing:

- ◊ 13% discount off all whole goods with automatic Net 30 Day terms

Vermeer Manufacturing Company dba Vermeer Corporation
Chad Tousey
(641)628-3141
government@vermeer.com
www.vermeer.com

Products & Services: Brush chippers, Stump cutters, Compact utility loaders, Articulated compact loaders, Compact utility loader attachments, Articulated compact loader attachments
Pricing:

- ◊ A discount of up to 14% for the tree maintenance equipment, attachments and accessories.
- ◊ In addition to the discount off MSRP, Vermeer's dealership network has the authority to consider volume discounts, member loyalty, and additional discounts at their discretion. Contact the appropriate Vermeer Dealer or the Vermeer Corporate Accounts Department to discuss.