

Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council		Item ID:	14321	Agenda Number	52.
Meeting Date:	April 26, 2012				
Department:	Purc	hasing			

Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the US Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with KOMPAN, INC., for the purchase and installation of playground and outdoor exercise equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department at Gus Garcia Recreation Center in an amount not to exceed \$167,628.98

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$167,628.98 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department. The source of funding is the 2006 Capital Improvement Playscape Bonds.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.			
Prior Council				
Action:				
For More	Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133			
Information:				
Boards and				
Commission	To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board on April 24, 2012.			
Action:				
Related Items:				
MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority – Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.			
Additional Backup Information				

This contract will be for the purchase and installation of playground and outdoor equipment for the Gustavo (Gus) Garcia Recreation Center located in northeast Austin at 1201 East Rundberg Lane, Austin Texas 78753. Gustavo (Gus) Garcia park, located in northeast Austin, was acquired by the City of Austin in 1993 and the existing recreation facility was completed in March of 2008 and includes a multi-purpose gymnasium, indoor exercise facility, and classrooms for programming with the local community. The proposed playscape and exercise equipment purchase is part of a proposed expansion to the facility being completed under a grant under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Urban Outdoor Grant Program. The improvements proposed under the TPWD grant include a new multi-purpose recreation field, children's playscape, adult outdoor fitness equipment, rainwater harvesting system, and a community garden.

The playscape equipment in this purchase is from KOMPAN, Inc. and includes pieces from several of the KOMPAN product lines. The main components of the playscape equipment included are from the KOMPAN Galaxy line that is designed to be completely accessible at ground level so children of all abilities can experience an inclusive play experience. The Galaxy line is designed to promote non-linear kinetic play opportunities consistent with the recommendations of the Urban Park Workgroup Report from October 6, 2011. The largest portion of the equipment is from the Galaxy line that is designed for children ages 5 and up to serve the large population of middle school children from the adjacent Dobie Middle School who utilize the facility after school hours. Smaller individual pieces of equipment from the Elements line designed for ages 2 through 12, and pieces from the Moments line of equipment designed for ages 2 through 5 are proposed to meet the needs of the wide range of children who utilize the center. The Galaxy line of equipment is based on connected play experiences that are accessed and exited at ground level so children of all abilities can experience an inclusive play experience. The Galaxy line is designed to be a non-linear play environment that requires a high level of physical activity and promote a kinetic play it utilizes a variety of materials, shapes and textures to provide different experiences in movement, climbing, interaction, socialization, and communication. The exercise equipment is from the KOMPAN X-ERCISE line of equipment that is specifically designed for installation in an outdoor environment and intended for use by the adult and elderly population at the center.

The improvements under this contract are consistent with the overall park master plan, generated in 2008 with input from the community. The overarching theme of the master plan centers on health, fitness, and community wellness.

Kompan Inc. is contracted through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with the City of Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. U.S. Communities is a government purchasing cooperative that reduces the cost of goods and services by aggregating the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide. U.S. Communities provides world class procurement resources and solutions to local and state government agencies, school districts (K-12), higher education, and nonprofits.