

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)**

<b>Austin City Council</b>	<b>Item ID:</b>	24464	<b>Agenda Number</b>	56.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	May 23, 2013
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<b>Department:</b>	Purchasing
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**Subject**

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of various supply and service agreements for a 48-month period with vendors through TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) for the purchase, installation, maintenance and repair of playscapes for the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$2,360,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$37,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department for the maintenance and replacement of City of Austin Playscapes. Funding in the amount of \$208,333 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining 43 months of the original contract period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	Purchasing Cooperative
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<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
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<b>For More Information:</b>	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer, 974-2995
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<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	
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<b>Related Items:</b>	
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<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	This contract will be awarded in compliance with City Code Chapter 2-9D (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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**Additional Backup Information**

Utilizing the BuyBoard cooperative contracts provide for volume discount pricing and they provide the flexibility to purchase a wide variety of designs, layouts, and types of playscapes that best meet the needs of the City's diverse and unique park playgrounds.

PARD maintains 250 playscape structures throughout the City and has identified several playscapes that are in need of major repair or complete replacement. These repairs and replacements are necessary to meet American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) playground safety standards and Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines, Texas Health and Safety Code, and Child Safety and Public Playground Safety requirements. This will allow PARD the ability to oversee the major repair and replacement of these playscapes. Installation and major repairs will be completed by the vendors' certified installers who will utilize approved equipment to meet CPSC Public Playground Safety guidelines and American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) safety standards. Minor repairs will be done on an as-needed basis.

As part of the planning and design process for each new or replacement playscape, PARD conducts community input to ensure the overall design of the playscape reflects the style and natural aspects of each park. This process requires PARD to have access to various manufacturers of playscapes.

To ensure compliance with the MBE /WBE ordinance, in the event subcontracting opportunities are identified throughout the duration of the project, the vendors are required to adhere to the MBE /WBE Program Requirements and contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department for assistance.