



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2876, **Agenda Item #:** 63.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of 28 cooperative contracts to provide maintenance, repairs, and improvements to park facilities, each for a term of 37 months for total contract amounts not to exceed \$22,500,000 divided among the contractors.

(Note: These procurements were reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9C, Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods and services required for these procurements, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

Lead Department

Purchasing Office.

Client Department(s)

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$7,500,000 is contingent upon approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining contract terms is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Purchasing Language:

Multiple vendors within this cooperative purchasing program were reviewed for these goods and/or services. The Purchasing Office has determined these contractors best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods and/or services required at the best value for the City.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

These contracts will provide maintenance, repair, and improvements to existing park facilities and for the purchase and installation of new park and playground equipment. The Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) maintains over 300 parks throughout the City and has identified several park structures and amenities that are in need of major repair or complete replacement.

According to the March 2019 "Playground Assessment Report," about 38% of park playgrounds throughout the City have reached or exceeded their life expectancy. The contractors being recommended are:

- Fun Abounds, Inc. **
- webuildfun, inc.

- Paradigm Contracting *
- Lea Park & Play Inc.
- Kompan
- Whirlix Design, Inc.
- T.F. Harper & Associates
- Play Power LT Farmington Inc.
- BSN Sports
- Total Recreation Products **
- Site Source Inc. **
- BJ's Park & Recreation Products*
- Romtec, Inc.
- Restroom Facilities Ltd
- EZ Dock of Texas, L.P.
- Daktronics, Inc.
- Musco Sports Lighting, LLC
- Techline Inc.
- PTI Sports & Recreation Construction
- Heartland Park and Recreation LLC
- Kraftsman Commercial Playground
- McKenna Contracting **
- The Playground Shade and Surfacing
- Soil Express
- Playwell Group
- Playground Solutions of Texas **
- Hunter Knepshield of Texas Inc.
- Commercial Swim Management **

*City of Austin certified MBE and/or WBE

** State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (Women or Minority Owned)

PARD is currently developing “Park Development Standards” based on park size to limit the types of park equipment used in the City. At this time however, PARD is responsible for at least 10 different play equipment manufacturers systems, requiring access to a vast array of replacement parts and repair expertise. Furthermore, the City occasionally annexes additional lands and the park equipment tends to vary from park to park. As part of the planning and design process for each new or replacement park structure and amenity, PARD seeks community input. The resulting plans and existing park maintenance needs require PARD to have access to various suppliers and manufacturers of park structures, sports field lighting, turf, bleachers, portable restrooms, scoreboards, drinking fountains, turf management, floating docks, and sidewalks.

Standardization has been developed for safety and sustainability attributes. All park structures, equipment, and amenities must meet International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association standards, which ensure these products meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the American Society for Testing and Materials International standards. All manufacturers under these contracts provide recycled replacement materials and/or biodegradable products, including recycled wood, rubber, and plastic.

Utilizing the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative, administered by the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc. (BuyBoard) cooperative contracts provides for volume discount pricing and the flexibility to purchase a wide variety of designs, layouts, and types of park amenities and park structures that best meet the needs of the City's diverse and unique parks. Paradigm Contracting LLC and BJ's Park & Recreation Products are both certified Minority (MBE) or Women-owned Business Enterprise (WBE) contractors with the City. Fun Abounds, Inc. is a certified WBE with the City of Houston. Total Recreation Products, Site Source, McKenna Contracting, Playground Solutions of Texas and Commercial Swim Management are certified State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) contractors. All participating contractors under these contracts will be informed about sub-contracting opportunities available in order to promote using City certified MBE or WBE or HUB sub-contractors.

These contracts will replace contracts which expire on September 30, 2019. The requested authorization amount for these new contracts includes several additional park structures, the replacement of several antiquated park structures and playgrounds, and the installation of new amenities and structures. Additionally, the authorization amount requested is based upon the identification of additional funding sources such as Parkland Dedication and the 2018 General Obligation Bond, which will support the completion of deferred maintenance and replacement of park amenities and playgrounds, as well as the installation of new and improved amenities.

The BuyBoard cooperative establishes competitively bid contracts that can be utilized by the State and other government agencies through a cooperative agreement. Cooperative agreements save taxpayer dollars by leveraging the State's volume-buying power to drive down costs on hundreds of contracts through a streamlined cooperative purchasing program.

If the City is unable to enter into these contracts for park facility maintenance and improvements, it may result in delays in improving or replacing aging structures, equipment, and amenities to ensure the safety of children and other park patrons.