Thursday, August 28, 2008

Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 58

Subject: Authorize execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with KRAFTSMAN PLAYGROUND & PARK EQUIPMENT, Spring, TX, for the purchase and installation of two spray parks and upgrade of a swimming pool backwash system in an amount not to exceed \$650,964.53.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Cruz Banda, Buyer II/974-2133

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Woman Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is to replace the Rosewood and Pease Park wading pools with spray features and improve the water circulation system at Rosewood pool.

Rosewood Park was constructed in 1935 and consists of a swimming pool and a separate wading pool. The replacement of the old wading pool system will include the demolition of the existing system and the installation of new spray equipment. The wading pool is now a daily attraction to the public and requires a life guard on duty during operating hours. The new splash pad, consists of a concrete slab which contains a number of water spray features and zero depth so a life guard is not required. The new splash pad will collect and reuse the water, thereby saving the cost of refilling the water on a daily basis and elimination of the cost for a life guard at this location.

The Rosewood Park swimming pool will also receive improvements to the water circulation system. These improvements will increase the efficiency of the filtration system and meet Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) standards for the discharge of pool water. The improvements will conserve water through the use of modern filters.

This contract also includes a new splash pad to replace a similar wading pool at Pease Park and will include the same features as the one being installed at Rosewood Park. The splash pads will be maintained by the Aquatics Division of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Kraftsman Playground & Park Equipment is under contract with BuyBoard to supply these materials and services statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of equipment.