

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 42**

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with PLAYPOWER LT FARMINGTON, INC. (LITTLE TIKES COMMERCIAL), Farmington, MO for the purchase and installation of playground equipment in an estimated amount not to exceed \$122,095.13.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$122,095.13 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 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 Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase and installation of new play equipment at South Austin Recreation Center and will include the removal and disposal of the existing equipment. This site will include the new playscape structure with climbing apparatus and swings, as well as a safer and softer poured in place play surface.

The existing playscape was installed 15 years ago and is in need of replacement since it has many components that require constant maintenance.

Playpower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) is under contract with U.S. Communities to supply these products statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the U.S. Communities contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of equipment.