

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	68858	Agenda Number	14.
Meeting Date:	March 23, 2017			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
<p>Authorize negotiation and execution of eight six-month contracts through the LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, administered by TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLBOARDS (BUYBOARD) with FUN ABOUND, INC., KOMPAN, INC., PARADIGM CONTRACTING, LLC (M/WBE), PLAY POWER LT FARMINGTON, INC., THE PLAYWELL GROUP, INC., PTI SPORTS & RECREATION CONSTRUCTION, T.F. HARPER & ASSOCIATES, LP, WEBUILDFUN, INC., and various other vendors, for the maintenance, repair, and improvement of park and playground equipment, in an estimated amount of \$1,612,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount of \$3,224,000 per extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$8,060,000 divided among the contractors.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>Funding in the amount of \$750,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Parkland Dedication Fees of the Parks and Recreation Department. Funding for the remaining contract periods are contingent upon available funding in future budgets.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Multiple cooperative purchase programs were reviewed for these goods and services. The Purchasing Office has determined these Contractors best meet the needs of the department to provide the goods and services required at the best value for the City.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	John Hilbun, Contract Corporate Administrator, 512-974-1054			
Boards and Commission Action:	[REDACTED]			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This procurement was 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 this procurement, there were no subcontracting opportunities identified; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established.			

Additional Backup Information

These contracts will provide maintenance, repair, and improvements to park and playground equipment. The Parks and Recreation Department (PARAD) maintains over 300 parks and 250 park structures 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 11, 2015 "Playground Assessment Report," about 41% of park playgrounds throughout the City have reached or exceeded their life expectancy.

PARAD is currently developing a "Park Development Standards" based on park size. PARAD, however, is responsible for at least 10 different play equipment manufacturers systems, and sourcing identical replacement parts and maintenance on equipment is often difficult because of the lack of availability and the vast array of manufacture parts necessary. Furthermore, the City occasionally annexes additional lands and the park equipment tend to vary from park to park. Standardization has been developed for safety and sustainability attributes. All park structures, equipment, and amenities must meet International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association standards, which ensures these products meet the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the American Society for Testing and Materials International standards. Furthermore, all manufacturers under this contract provide recycled replacement materials and/or biodegradable products, including recycled wood, rubber, and plastic.

As part of the planning and design process for each new or replacement park structure and amenity, PARAD seeks community input. The resulting plans and existing park maintenance needs require PARAD 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.

Utilizing the 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 is a certified M/WBE with the City. Fun Abounds, Inc. is a certified WBE with the City of Houston. The Playwell Group, Inc. and PTI Sports and Recreation Construction are certified State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) contractors. All installers of park and playground equipment provided under this contract will be local manufacturer-certified vendors. A stakeholders meeting was conducted by the City's Small and Minority Business Resources Department, PARAD, and the Purchasing Office to inform City M/WBE vendors on the process of becoming manufacturer-certified installers.

This is a replacement contract which expired on October 30, 2016, and was authorized for \$6,800,000 over 41 months. This new contract is a substantial increase over the previous contract because it includes several additional park structures and the replacement of several antiquated park structures. Additionally, the new contract is based upon increased estimated quantities that are more representative of recent and forecasted demand.

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 maintenance and improvements, it will result in delays in improving or replacing aging structures, equipment, and amenities to ensure the safety of children and other park patrons.

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FARMINGTON INC., THE PLAYWELL GROUP, INC. T.F. HARPER & ASSOCIATES, LP,
WEBUILDFUN INC., and VARIOUS OTHERS**

	# months	Contract Amount	Contract Amendment	Revised Amount
Original Term	6	\$ 1,612,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 1	12	\$ 3,224,000	n/a	n/a
Extension Option 2	12	\$ 3,224,000	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	30	\$ 8,060,000	\$ -	\$ -