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**ADDENDUM NO. 1
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**Invitation for Bids No. 105.23.B4
On-Call Multistep Playground Equipment, Installation & Surfacing
Opening Date: June 13, 2023 Time: 10:00 A.M.**

The following shall be incorporated into the captioned solicitation as though included in the original documents issued.

The Board of Education authorizes the following changes, clarification and/or attachments to the solicitation documents; however such changes shall not relieve the firm of their responsibilities as otherwise required by the solicitation documents.

Questions

1. Question : After an initial review, we have noticed that the Play Matta tile system (or equal) with asphalt base is specified again as the safety surfacing on this RFP. Please advise if an alternative safety surfacing would be acceptable for this RFP? There are multiple types that would hold up better with the same accessibility such as:
 - Poured-in-place rubber
 - Bonded Rubber
 - Corkeen (like poured-in place rubber, but using cork instead of rubber materials)

These options would also allow for a compacted stone base which would be much more economical than an asphalt base.

Answer: The bid document does allow for Play Matta or equivalent playground surfacing (see section “K – Playground Protective Surfacing” under the IV Specification section. Please also see Section “K – Brand Name or Equal” and Section “L – Proposed Substitutions” under the Instruction to Bidders Section. These sections outline the requirements for submitting a substitute product. Also keep in mind that you cannot propose several substitute products. As the playground expert you must determine which substitute product would best meet HCPSS needs and requirements. All of your proposed playground layouts should be based on using that substitute surfacing.

Changes

1. Please note that section “K” – Playground Protective Surfacing sub section 1-2-b – Base Installation (Crushed Stone Subsurface: Not Acceptable) only relates to Play Matta installations.
2. Please note that section “K” – Playground Protective Surfacing sub section 1-3-a – Execution (Surface to be installed on Asphalt subsurface around Play equipment area) only relates to Play Matta installations. A stone base would be acceptable on substitute surfaces if that is what is recommended for installation by the manufacturer.

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Note: It is the bidder's sole responsibility to monitor the HCPSS Purchasing website to ensure that they download any additional addendums or clarifications prior to submitting their bid or proposal and duly acknowledge receipt of and full understanding of said addendums on the proper bid submittal form. Failure to do so may result in non-receipt of important information prior to the closing date and may render the bid or proposal non responsive and ineligible to award. It is highly recommended that the submitting bidder ascertain if they have received all the addendums posted prior to submitting their bid/proposal. Failure of any bidder to obtain any such addendum or interpretation shall not relieve the bidders company from any obligation under his/her proposal as submitted.