

**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

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**ADDENDUM NO. 2
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June 5, 2023

**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 : Per Addendum #1/question #1, "you cannot propose several substitute products." What Safety Surfacing would HCPSS prefer to use? How will HCPSS evaluate product vs cost? For example – Vendor A submits Rubber Tile over asphalt, then during Phase III of the selection process, Vendor A will always be more expensive vs if Vendor B used Bonded Rubber over compacted stone.

Answer: Both surfaces are acceptable regardless of how it may affect the individual contractors pricing.

2. Question : Page 28, states designs shall not include roofed areas. Shade is critical to Playgrounds and often a requirement. It can be difficult and expensive to add on later. Should shade be included?

Answer: No, at this time HCPSS is not including any shade implements in its specifications for new playground installations.

3. Question : For bidders who represent a manufacturer, will you accept the Maryland Business License of the installing subcontractor?

Answer: Yes!

4. Question : We use multiple sub-contractors; will all the subcontractor licenses be required in the bid documents, or can we submit one installer license?

Answer: I would suggest submitted all subcontractors license that the contractor may plan on using.

5. Question : The bid includes poured in place surfacing or playground tile which has substantially increased in price. Will you accept design submissions that may not meet budget but do meet the design criteria?

Answer: No, all design submissions must meet the Budget requirements of the solicitation documents.

6. Question : The new standard in Howard County is to include a communication board on school and park playgrounds. Will this board be supplied by the bidding contractor or Howard County Public Schools and shall the installation of the communication board be included in the bid?

Answer: The installation of communication boards will not be included in this contract. This process goes through a different department with separate funding specifically for the boards.

Attachments

1. Pre-bid Meeting Attendance sign in sheets.

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.

Howard County Public Schools

TELE-CONFERENCE
PRE-BID MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET

BID TITLE: On-call playground Equip, Installation & surfacing
BID NUMBER: 105.23. B4
DATE: 5/31/23
TIME: 10:00 Am

Name: Brandon Off
Firm: Cunningham Recreation
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Christin George
Firm: Bliss products and
Phone: Services
Email: _____

Name: Jamifer Miller
Firm: River Valley Recreation
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Charles Nathan
Firm: HCPSS
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Terry Paddy
Firm: Kompar Playground
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Danny Boone
Firm: HCPSS
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Jeff Stone
Firm: Playground Specialist
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Howard Colson
Firm: HCPSS
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Brad Stokley
Firm: Playground Specialist
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Name: Daniel Noster
Firm: HCPSS
Phone: _____
Email: _____