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RFP 15-02 Addendum 1

Question and Answers:

Question: Will you accept a play system, for this project, made from recycled plastic lumber? The basis of the spec is metal. EcoPlay carries a true 50 year warranty on the structure. It is a sustainable product that can be recycled again if you ever want to replace it. **Answer: Yes.**

Question: RFP states that "only 1 design" per bid will be accepted. It was discussed yesterday that possibly 2 options per company would be accepted due to the vast area and the desire to create a "destination playground". Can you please confirm which will stand? **Answer: Yes, we will accept 2 options.**

Question: RFP states "No Metal Slides". However the examples and desires relayed to us were the possibilities of embankment slides which would be stainless steel. Is the No Metal Slides still a standing request? **Answer: We will accept metal slides.**

Question: RFP states "no wood". Just to confirm, will composite wood materials, laminated wood products, etc. that have been specifically designed to mimic the looks and feel of wood but for use in commercial playground equipment be allowed? **Answer: We will accept wood products.**

Question: TREES: You want them integrated into the equipment & play area as much as possible. However, trees can be marked by us for removal by your Parks Dept. We assume that this will require a somewhat accurate plotting of the existing trees in the play area, & that we need to show which trees must be removed for our proposals. **Question: Will the parks Dept. grind or remove the stumps?**
Answer: Yes.

Question: DESIGN DIRECTIONS: You want this project to be a destination park. Our designs & color schemes should fit the natural environment of the play area & the nature center. This area will be inclusive to the degree that it will meet required ADA standards, however, you mentioned that you must do other work in phases on the property. So this project will not major on inclusive elements **Questions:**
1) Do I have the ADA scope stated correctly. Answer: Yes.

2) Do you want colors that will only blend with the woods /plants or do you want to see any bright colors as a part of those blends? Answer: A more natural color pallet is preferred.

Question: RFP: We can submit a max of 2 proposals. **Answer: Yes max of 2.**

Question: EQUIPMENT : You want to see netting, ropes, slides, swings, play elements that enhance the nature experience. Shade is not a requirement. Posts that are at least 4.5 " OD are also not a requirement. Pour in place surfacing is not a requirement. However, if we use it we must include geotextile fabric, #57 stone, & drainage pipe. These items are not required if we use IPEMA certified mulch. **Question: Do we need to incorporate any of the elements the Nature Center Director mentioned? (hill embankment slide, hammocks or posts for hammocks, European ideas)** **Answer: That is up to the vendor but the City will consider them if proposed.**

Question: Your bid documents do not require bid or performance bonds with these proposals. The documents also state no requirements for bid or performance bonds if we are awarded the job. However, if awarded we must comply with insurance, workman's comp, & other vendor requirements. **Question: Do I understand this correctly?** **Answer: Yes, no bonds.**

Question: Does the playground require shade? At the pre bid meeting the answer was no Does the playground need to be installed by Memorial Day or May 1st. May 1st was said then someone else said by Memorial Day is fine....Please verify **Answer: No shade structures are necessary and by Memorial Day is fine.**

Question: Please confirm gravel and geo textile fabric are not required if we propose engineered wood fiber. **Answer: Correct.**

Question: Please confirm the city will be responsible for removing trees and stumps necessary for the playgrounds to fit. **Answer: Yes, the City will remove trees and stumps if necessary.**

Question: Please confirm the city will provide grading work necessary to level areas after the trees and stumps have been removed. **Answer: The City will remove the stump. It is the installer's responsibility to grade the playground pad after all trees are removed.**

Question: Please confirm there are no bonds required for this project. **Answer: There are no bonds**

Question: Please confirm the city will provide stable access for materials to be transported over the trails to the playground areas. **Answer: Yes**

Question: Will the city provide staging areas in one of the parking lots for us to stage equipment?
Answer: The City will provide a staging area for equipment. The location will be determined with the selected vendor based on current programs and access to the nature Center and baseball facilities.

Question: Can you please confirm that a swing must be included in the 2-5 area and that a swing or track glide must be included in the 5-12 area? **Answer: They are options but not required.**

Question: How many trees will the city remove, including stump grinding, and remove from area?
Answer: Whatever is necessary as part of the winning proposal.

Question: Is 15 trees too many? There are at least 8 trees in or near the current bordered playgrounds.
Answer: No.

Question: Will tree removal include brush clean up, smallish trees, less than 3 inch trunk, and removal of any downed trees decaying on site. **Answer: Yes.**

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