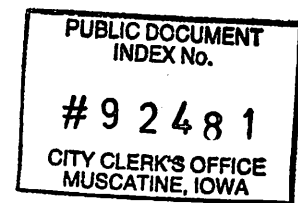


MEMORANDUM



TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: July 10, 2013
RE: Request Approval of Purchase and Installation of Weed Park Rose Garden Playground Safety Surface

INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for approval of the purchase and installation of the Weed Park Rose Garden Playground Safety Surface.

BACKGROUND:

The Weed Park Playground was built in 2001 and was one of the first playgrounds installed in the system wide "Playground Improvement Project". The original improvement project involved replacing ten (10) playgrounds in nine (9) parks with modular creative play units and poured in place rubber safety surface. The total project cost was \$958,700.76.

The life expectancy of the rubber safety surface was projected to be 8 to 10 years. The Weed Park Rose Garden is now 12 years old and is arguably the most popular and heavily used playground in our park system. The surface is showing signs of failure as is evident by the cracking and separation of the rubber materials.

The poured in place rubber surface is used because it requires less maintenance, is a more consistent safety surface, is ADA compliant, and in the long run is a less expensive option than other surfaces even though the initial cost is greater.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City's Purchasing Policy was used to solicit for qualified responsive and responsible vendors to submit bids as specified.

The attached Request for Proposal Submittal Results page will show that we received thirteen (13) responses from nine (9) different vendors that met the minimum specifications.

At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the City Council approve the proposal submitted by Boland Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$57,750.00 for the poured in place safety surface and installation at the Weed Park Rose Garden Playground.

The FY 2013-14 Budget estimate for this project was \$60,000.00. There is \$53,290.00 from the Park and Recreation Trust that can be used towards this project.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. R.F.P. Submittal Results

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

C. Les Dennis, Park Maintenance Supervisor

Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department
Weed Park Playground Surfacing Project
Request for Proposal - Submittal Results

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Options</u>
1. Boland Recreation	#1 = \$57,750.00 #2 = \$84,900.00
2. ABCreative, Inc.	#1 = \$57,754.00 #2 = No Bid
3. Taylormade Co.	#1 = \$58,294.95 #2 = \$58,953.65
4. Hanover Specialties Inc.	#1 = \$58,755.75 #2 = No Bid
5. X-Grass, Inc.	#1 = \$61,892.68 #2 = No Bid
6. All Inclusive Rec.	#1 = \$64,872.00 #2 = No Bid
7. Recreation Brands of Iowa	#1 = \$66,720.00 #2 = \$67,785.00
8. National Playground	#1 = No Bid #2 = \$67,934.00
9. S. Bollinger + Assoc., LLC	#1 = \$98,650.00 #2 = \$107,325.00

(option #1 = Poured In Place) (Option #2 = Non-interlocking Tile)