

February 16, 2021

ADDENDUM 1

TO: All Prospective Offerors

FROM: Scott Bachtell, Supervisor of Purchasing

REF: Bid 2021-34 Playground Equipment Replacement at Boonsboro Elementary School

BID DUE DATE/TIME: **March 10, 2021 at 11:00 am EST**
Washington County Public Schools Center for Education Services
10435 Downsville Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740

The following changes are made a part of the RFP for the project named above. Receipt of this Addendum is to be acknowledged within the proposal. Failure to do so may subject the proposal to be considered as non-responsive.

GENERAL/BIDDER QUESTIONS

- 1.1 Q: Can the pre-bid meeting date be moved due to weather concerns?
A: Yes. The pre-bid meeting will be held on February 22, 2021 at 3:30PM EST at Boonsboro Elementary School. The deadline for questions is now February 26, 2021 at 12:00PM EST. The proposal due date and time remain unchanged.
- 1.2 Q: Can Little Tikes Commercial/PlayPower be considered as an alternate manufacturer?
A: Yes.
- 1.3 Q: Is the \$50,000 budget inclusive of surfacing as well?
A: No. WCPS is furnishing and installing the surfacing. See Section V, Item 8 of the RFP.
- 1.4 Q: If we are to bid surfacing, what kind of surfacing would you prefer?
A: See Item 1.3, above.
- 1.5 Q: The bid mentions existing equipment. Is this equipment staying or are we to remove it?
A: WCPS will remove the existing equipment. See Section V, Item 11 of the RFP.
- 1.6 Q: The warranty mentions that the services/equipment should be warranted for two (2) years. Does this mean that the installation should be warranted for two (2) years? We can make this accommodation, but it is typically one (1) year and I wanted to confirm.
A: Two years is preferred. Refer to Section V, Item 16 of the RFP, which states, "These Manufacturer and Contractor warranty periods are preferred. If these warranty periods cannot be met, the actual submitted warranties will be weighed during proposal evaluation."

- 1.7 Q: The bid states that the equipment should be for ages 4-5, but you currently have belt seats on site, which are meant for 5-12 year olds. Play equipment is typically specified for 2-5 year olds or 5-12 year olds. Can you please confirm which age group you are looking to serve and whether we should be bidding belt seats or tot seats?
A: The new swings shall include belt seats. The primary users of the new playground will be children 4-5 years of age. Bidders shall not include components that are designed for children 2-3 years of age.
- 1.8 Q: Is this project tax exempt? I notice it says to include all sales tax and use tax in the RFP.
A: The transaction between the Owner and the Bidder is tax exempt. However, bidders must pay all applicable taxes encountered when procuring goods and services to complete the scope of work described in the RFP.

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