



Invitation for Bid No. 2024-071

Jesse Helms Park Playground Equipment

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ADDENDUM No. 2

ISSUE DATE: May 23, 2024

Responding Offerors on this project are hereby notified that this Addendum shall be made a part of the above named IFB document.

The following items add to, modify, and/or clarify the IFB documents and shall have the full force and effect of the original Documents. This Addendum shall be acknowledged by the Offeror in the IFB document.

Notice

1. The bid due date and time is changed by this addendum. Sealed bids for Jesse Helms Park Playground Equipment will be received by the Union County Procurement Department *until 11:00 AM* local time on **July 9, 2024** at the Union County Government Center, 500 North Main Street, Suite 709, Monroe, NC 28112 at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.
2. All Substitutions and exceptions proposed for “Like Models” has been extended until **3:00 PM on June 20, 2024**.
3. Staff approval(s) regarding “Like Models” received for consideration will be released by addenda no later than 3 days prior to bid opening.

Add/Delete Section

1. **Delete:** All reference to the due date and time of June 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM throughout the IFB.
Add: Bid due date of July 9, 2024 at 11:00 AM Local Time throughout the IFB.
2. **Delete:** All reference to the due date and time of May 28, 2024 at 3:00 PM for substitutions and exceptions proposed for “Like Models” throughout the IFB.
Add: Substitutions and exceptions proposed for “like Models” must be received by 3:00 PM on June 20, 2024 throughout the IFB.
3. **Delete** 5.1 Key Features, 9th Bullet Point, Page 10: “Evidenced-based design best practices using the 7 Principles of Inclusive Playground Design and demonstrate how the design addresses a robust balance of activities that addresses the developmental needs of the whole child.”
Add: “Evidenced-based design best practices and demonstrate how the design addresses a robust balance of activities that addresses the developmental needs of the whole child.”

End of Add/Delete Section

Question/Answer Section

1. Do you have pictures of the new Gametime Equipment being installed so we can see if we have comparable equipment.

Answer: GameTime did not grant permission to use their photographs in this solicitation.
2. Are we to quote excavation/drainage of the play areas for a “flush” entrance from accessible existing sidewalk?

Answer: No. Future plans at Jesse Helms Park call for an over-lay of the existing walking path. This will change the height of the path making a “flush” entrance unachievable.

3. Wanting to clarify that there is no shade over the music pieces? We could not locate one on the IFB

Answer: There is shade over parts of the “all inclusive” area that includes the musical pieces. This is referenced on Page 24 of the IFB. GT-Shade HYU1212OBIG Hyperbolic UMB 12x12x8.

4. Although our design at (Redacted) is inclusive, for it to be totally under the “7 principles of play”, the structures would have to be fully ramped.

Answer: See Add/Delete Section

5. I see that GameTime is spec'd in it, so I wanted to know if you all are 100% sold on using them. Also, what's the process of selecting a manufacturer? Is it all based on lowest price?

Answer: Section 5 Scope of Work, “The items selected were specified to achieve design aesthetics and quality desired for specific needs appropriate for this project. Although the manufacturer for the selected list is **GameTime**, it is not the intent to discriminate against an "or equal" product. It is the intent to set a definite standard. Open competition is expected and desired but, in all cases, complete supporting data must be submitted on or before, June 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM, on all substitutions and exceptions proposed. Samples and/or documentation shall be submitted for comparison. Bidders are requested to offer only equivalent comparable units, which will provide the theme, features and performance needed and implied.”

Vendors can provide an “or equal” product based on the Scope and Specifications, please refer to section 6.1 Specifications Form as it outlines what should be submitted by 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The County will determine acceptability and notification will be made by Addendum.

The award will go to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

6. Do you all purchase off Omnia Partners Coop contract?

Answer: The County is not utilizing a Cooperative contract for this project due to Federal requirements.

7. Has a budget or budget range for this project been decided upon?

Answer: Not available.

8. When designing with equipment that is not Gametime, should we refer to the 2D layout of the equipment, or what is listed on the pages before
 - a. These listings are quite different
 - b. Ex: 2D shows (1) “zip line” while the listing of equipment shows (2) with a total of 3 seats

Answer: Please provide bid based upon the link that was provided for each item in the specification form.

9. Are there renderings of the “Custom Tractor & Barn” structures proposed in the 2-5 and 5-12 areas? This would be helpful to create an equal to

Answer: We don't have any renderings or drawings available. Please provide your best alternative to the description listed in the IFB and Specification Form.

10. If we are designing with playground equipment that is not what is specified, we will need to have our final design set and submitted for approval by 5/15? This is a very short turn around time for some of the custom elements requested. Can information be sent to qualify the manufacturer as an approved equal rather than the completed design?

Answer: See Add/Delete Section.

11. Can shade toppers be included in the design as an add/alternate? Specifically for the 2-5yr old area, the 2D specification does not show any roofing/shading on those structures.

Answer: We prefer no add/alternates to this bid. We will be addressing shade structures in Phase II.

End of Questions/Answers Section

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