

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

AGENDA DATE: March 23, 2010

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CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: R. Alan Shubert, P.E., City Engineer 541-4423

Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, CFO, 541-4293

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 5 and 8

SUBJECT:

Request authorization to purchase and install playground equipment from the following cooperative purchasing network, BuyBoard contract #269-07, for Modesto Gomez Park, Pebble Hills Park, Tierra del Este #50A Park, Tierra del Este #50B Park, Indian Heights Park, and Tierra del Este #44 Park as recommended by Engineering and the Parks and Recreation Departments. The price for equipment using the Cooperative Agreement is \$229,857.78. The price includes equipment, labor, freight, and installation.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City can purchase equipment from cooperative purchasing networks at a lower cost to the City off the BuyBoard contract from The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC. Previous procurement on the 2008 Reprogramming Playground and Swings programs demonstrated that the City obtains high volume discount pricing using the BuyBoard than procuring the equipment thru the request for proposal low bid process. The price for equipment using the Cooperative Agreement is \$229,857.78. The price includes equipment, labor, freight, and installation.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council authorized the City to participate in the Texas Association of School Boards and the Cooperative Purchasing Network, Buyboard August 21, 2007 to achieve high volume discount pricing, combining the City of El Paso purchasing requirements with other agencies.

On October 27, 2009 (Item 7D), City Council approved \$121,257.88 in expenditures to PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. for playground equipment.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Parkland Dedication, 2008 Reprogramming Parks Proportionality, and other funding sources.

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

PROJECT FORM

DATE: March 10, 2010

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PROJECT: Playground Equipment for Various Parks
DEPARTMENT: Engineering Department
FUNDING SOURCE: Parkland Dedication, 2008 Reprogramming Parks Proportionality, and other funding sources.
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT(S): 5 and 8

Please place the following item on the CONSENT Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 23, 2010.

Item should read as follows:

Request that the Purchasing Manager, Financial Services, Purchasing Division, be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. / All Play, Inc., under Texas Association of School Boards, Inc., Cooperative Purchasing Buyboard Contract #269-07 for playground equipment for Modesto Gomez Park, Pebble Hills Park, Tierra del Este #50A Park, Tierra del Este #50B Park, Indian Heights Park, and Tierra del Este #44. Total estimated expenditures are \$229,857.78

The participation by the City of El Paso, in the Texas Association of School Boards, Inc., Cooperative Purchasing Buyboard, was approved by Mayor and City Council on August 21, 2007.

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APPROVED:

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 23, 2010

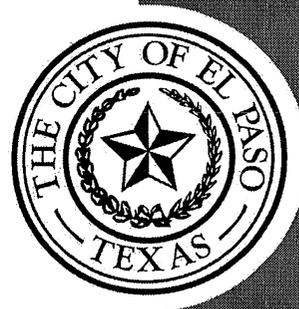
Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria
Chief Financial Officer
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Reviewed by Michael Plum
Administrative Analyst

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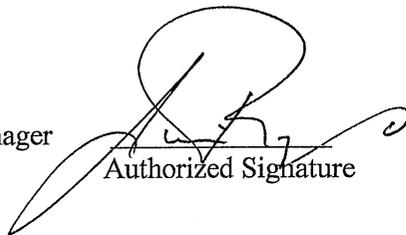


To: Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, CFO

From: Javier Reyes, P.E. Engineering Division Manager

Date: March 1, 2010

Re: Buy Board Contract #269-07, The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC- Purchase of playground equipment



Authorized Signature

The Engineering and Parks and Recreation Departments recommends utilizing Buy Board Contract #269-07 to issue a \$229,857.78 purchase order to The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC for playground equipment in several parks. The following are the factors used to evaluate the use of this procurement program as the best approach:

1. *Is there an urgent need for the product/service? In other words, is time of the essence?*
Yes. Time is of the essence – in an effort to expedite the project, buy board pricing is being used to stream line the bid process while obtaining fair and reasonable pricing.
2. *Does the purchase through the Program promote the standardization of equipment?*
Yes. The Parks Department already has play equipment from this vendor and readily available replacement parts already in stock.
3. *Does the purchase through the Program support local business? If not, is there a comparable product/service available locally?*
Yes. Local business is supported. The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC utilizes local installers to install equipment. Also, all site work preparations will be done with local contractors.
4. *Do the available vendors have prior work experience and/or familiarity with the City?*
Yes. The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC has worked on a previous city projects and is currently working on the 2008 Reprogramming-Playground and Swings project.
5. *Is the pricing reasonable as compared to other similar products/work performed for the City of El Paso in the past or as quoted from other companies?*
Yes. On March and April 2009 formals bids were bid out for playground equipment. The bids far exceeded the quotes that were provided by the Buy Board vendor, The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC. The pricing offered by The PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc. (Little Tikes Commercial) PPLTC is fair and reasonable in comparison.

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Buy Board Vendor: PlayPower (Little Tikes)

Funding Source – Parkland Dedication

Park	Amount
Modesto Gomez Park	\$51,764.32
Tierra Del Este #50A Park	\$30,000.00
Tierra Del Este #50B Park	\$30,000.00
Subtotal	\$111,764.32

Funding Source – 2008 Reprogramming Parks Proportionality

Park	Amount
Tierra Del Este Park #44 Park	\$35,037.28
Indian Heights	\$35,037.28
Subtotal	\$70,074.56

Funding Source – Other

Park	Amount
Pebble Hills Park	\$48,018.90
Subtotal	\$48,018.90

Total Equipment Purchase \$229,857.78



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Vendor: PlayPower LT Farmington, Inc./All Play, Inc.

Address: 13909 Van Wall
Houston, TX 77040

Phone: (713) 939-9888

Contact: Kurt Futrell

Email: susan@allplayinc.com

Website: www.playpower.com

Federal ID: 34-1725366

Accepts RFQs: Yes

Parks & Recreation & Field Lighting Products &

Contract: Installation #269-07

Effective Date: 10/1/2007

Expiration Date: 9/30/2010

Payment Terms: Net 30 days

Delivery Days: 10

Shipping Terms: Freight prepaid by vendor and added to invoice

Freight Terms: FOB Shipping Point

Ship Via: Common Carrier

Quote Reference

Number: 269-07

Regions Served: All Texas Regions

States Served: Texas

Vendor

Exceptions: Freight will be prepaid and added to invoice.

Additional Information: A 7.5% surcharge will be added to all quotes effective August 2008.

Return Policy: 20% restocking fee

Additional Dealers:

Jim Lea & Associates, Inc.

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