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

DEPARTMENT: Engineering

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2009

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: R. Alan Shubert, P.E., City Engineer 541-4423
Terrence Freiburg, Purchasing Manager, 541-4313

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:
That the City Request rejection of all bids for Parks Upgrade 2008 Solicitation No. 2009-158 Pebble Hills Park, 2009-160 Central Parks Phase I, 2009-164 Lower Valley Parks, and 2009-165 Northwest Parks and 2009-166 Northwest and Lower Valley Parks, as recommended by Financial Services-Purchasing Division, Engineering and the Parks and Recreation Departments because the pricing for the playground equipment and swings portion of the solicitations were significantly higher than the City could purchase through various cooperative purchasing programs.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
Several formal bids were received for the purchase of parks equipment and swings and site preparation. The equipment and swings purchases of the formal bids all came in higher than expected and in most cases exceeding the project's budget. A companion item to the request to reject all bids follows and requests authorization to buy equipment and swings from cooperative purchasing networks at a lower cost to the City.

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.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:
Enter appropriate comments or N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)
Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FORM
Unit Price
Reject All Bids

DATE:	April 24, 2009
PROJECT and :	Parks Upgrade 2008 – Playground and Swings
SOLICITATION NO:	2009-158 Pebble Hills Park
	2009-160 Central Parks Phase I
	2009-164 Lower Valley Parks
	2009-165 Northwest Parks
	2009-166 Northwest and Lower Valley Parks

DEPARTMENT: Engineering
DISTRICT(S): All **LOCATION:** Various

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2009 **Reject All Bids**

Please place the following item on the **REGULAR** agenda for the Council Meeting of **APRIL 28, 2009**.

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