



ADDENDUM No. 1

TO: Prospective Submitters
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PROJECT: Martha Rivers Playground Replacement

- 1. Do you only want IPEMA certified surfacing or will the City accept custom playground equipment that does not bear an individual IPEMA certification seal if the manufacturer provides a formal statement/documentation demonstrating compliance with ASTM F1487, CPSC, and applicable ADA requirements?**

The City will accept custom playground equipment that does not bear an individual IPEMA certification seal, provided the manufacturer submits formal documentation demonstrating compliance with ASTM F1487, applicable CPSC guidelines, and applicable ADA requirements. All playground surfacing shall be IPEMA certified.

- 2. Is the City open to utilizing in turf surfacing or loose-fill rubber mulch?**

The City is open to the use of synthetic turf playground surfacing, provided the proposed system meets all applicable ASTM standards and is IPEMA certified. The City is not currently intending to utilize loose-fill rubber mulch as the primary playground surfacing system.

Proposers may identify alternative surfacing options as an alternate, provided the proposed material meets all applicable safety, accessibility, impact attenuation, and IPEMA certification requirements.

3. In the larger area where there is mulch now- can that stay mulch? There are huge tree roots visible that will void poured-in-place or turf warranty - or do we take the tree out?

The City is open to retaining portions of the existing mulch/loose-fill surfacing where appropriate and where it can meet applicable playground safety and accessibility requirements. Proposers shall not assume that existing trees will be removed. The City would prefer to preserve existing mature trees where reasonably feasible.

Proposers should identify in their design approach how existing trees and exposed root systems can be accommodated while maintaining required playground safety zones, accessibility, drainage, and surfacing performance.

Tree removal shall not be proposed unless necessary to accomplish the proposed playground design and shall require City approval.

4. What type of fencing are you looking for around the perimeter? Style, height, gates?

The City anticipates a durable, commercial-grade perimeter fence appropriate for a public playground, generally 4 feet in height, with pedestrian access gates or entryways.

The final fencing material, style, configuration, and gate/entry locations shall be proposed by the successful proposer and approved by the City.

The fencing design shall:

- Provide a clear and secure boundary around the playground;
- Comply with applicable playground safety requirements;
- Avoid creating entrapment or other hazards;
- Provide accessible pedestrian gates;
- Coordinate with the existing site conditions and primary entrance walkway.

Proposers may provide an alternate fencing approach if it provides equivalent or improved safety, durability, and aesthetics.

5. Do you want to incorporate seating and shade within the play space?

Yes. The City desires seating and shade opportunities to be incorporated into the overall playground design.

Proposals may include:

- Benches;
- Seating areas;
- Picnic tables;
- Shade structures;

- Integrated seating within the playground design; and/or
- Other appropriate parent/caregiver gathering areas.

Shade and seating should be located to provide convenient visibility of the playground while minimizing interference with play areas and required safety zones.

6. Do you only want CPSI installers on site?

The City does not require that every individual working on the project be a CPSI-certified installer. However, the playground installation shall be supervised by appropriately qualified personnel with demonstrated experience installing public playground equipment and shall comply with all applicable manufacturer installation requirements, ASTM standards, CPSC guidelines, and applicable codes.

The City strongly prefers that the successful proposer provide CPSI-certified personnel for playground installation and/or final playground inspection, where applicable.

7. Do we need to hold our own GC license?

The successful proposer shall be responsible for complying with all applicable North Carolina licensing requirements. Because the project is anticipated to exceed the North Carolina general contractor licensing threshold, the entity performing work that constitutes general contracting shall hold the appropriate North Carolina General Contractor license, or the proposer shall utilize an appropriately licensed subcontractor, as permitted by North Carolina law.

8. Can you advise what needs to be permitted?

The successful proposer shall be responsible for identifying and obtaining all permits, approvals, inspections, and other authorizations required for the proposed work, unless otherwise specifically identified by the City. At a minimum, proposers should anticipate that the project may require applicable building, zoning/development, electrical, plumbing, grading/drainage, accessibility, or other permits and inspections, depending upon the final design and scope of work.

The successful proposer shall coordinate with the City and applicable regulatory agencies to determine the specific permits required for the approved design.

The City will provide reasonable assistance and coordination as necessary for City related approvals.

9. Does the City want to incorporate water features?

No. Water features are not included in the project scope and shall not be proposed. Existing water features are to be removed and shall not be replaced.

10. Is the sand box area included in the project?

The existing sandbox area is not included within the required playground replacement area; however, it is included as an optional removal component of the project.

11. Does the City desire to keep the current main entrance walkway?

No. The City intends to remove the existing donor pavers and markers and utilize them in another capacity. Proposers shall design the replacement playground to coordinate with, and connect appropriately to, the existing parking lot area.

12. Is the City open to reducing the playground footprint, or is maintaining the existing footprint a requirement?

The City is open to reducing the overall playground footprint if doing so results in an improved, functional, accessible, and maintainable playground design.

However, the proposed playground shall remain within the existing playground area boundary.

Proposers should consider the efficient use of the available site while maintaining appropriate:

- Safety zones;
- Accessibility;
- Circulation;
- Shade and seating;
- Landscaping;
- Drainage;
- Fencing; and
- Connections to existing site features.

The City is not requiring the replacement playground to occupy the exact same footprint as the existing playground.

General Clarification:

The City's responses to the questions above are intended to clarify the requirements of the RFP and shall be considered part of the RFP documents. Where a response modifies or conflicts with a requirement contained in the original RFP, the response contained in this Addendum shall govern. Proposers shall incorporate all Addendum requirements into their proposals.

Design Responsibility:

The successful proposer shall be responsible for providing a complete, functional, safe, accessible, and code-compliant playground design based upon the City's stated requirements. Proposed

equipment, surfacing, fencing, site improvements, and related components shall be subject to City review and approval.