REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Design, Provide and Install Playground Equipment.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING SUBMITTALS:
Monday, August 2, 2010
5:00 p.m. MST

1011 North Tenth Street
Grand Junction, CO. 81501

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SUBMITTAL INFORMATION:

The Grand Junction Housing Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to design, provide and install age-appropriate playground equipment for a play area as outlined herein. The enclosed document identifies the budget ceiling for the project.

Responses and submittals are due and will be received no later than Monday, August 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. MST
Late submittals will not be accepted.

The RFP will be available online at www.gjha.org on Monday, July 12, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Grand Junction Housing Authority, represented by Don Hartman, Development Director issues this solicitation. The Grand Junction Housing Authority reserves the right to:

1. Terminate, suspend or modify this solicitation process or any contract negotiations entered into pursuant to the process at any time;
2. Reject any or all submittals at any time; and or
3. Waive any informalities, irregularities, or omissions in submittals at any time.

All responses and submittals must be delivered to:

The Grand Junction Housing Authority
1011 N. Tenth Street
Grand Junction, CO. 81501

Attn: Don Hartman

BACKGROUND
The Grand Junction Housing Authority is interested in the installation of play equipment in the playground area in the Bunting Ave Apartment Complex that meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Consumer Products Safety Commission guidelines.

SCOPE OF WORK
The Grand Junction Housing Authority seeks to contract for the design, provision and installation of all play equipment, related disability access surfacing, surfacing material and other necessary improvements to complete a new playground at Bunting Ave. Apartment Complex Playground site. Bidders must be prepared to comply with all state, federal and local requirements for play equipment.

PROPOSAL PROCESS

The proposal process will consist of a written presentation. The following shall be included in your written proposal:

1. A scaled drawing for the park site showing proposed equipment, surfacing, accessibility access, and other necessary improvements to provide a completed playground. Design requirements for the site are below.
2. Detailed plans showing proposed equipment of each design.
3. A breakdown of cost of: equipment; installation of equipment; installation of new surfacing material to satisfy federal ADA standards, and other necessary improvements as shown in the criteria for site or determined to be necessary by the contractor for a complete job.

COST PROPOSALS MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED BY ELEMENTS BELOW:

- Design costs.
- Equipment costs.
- Installation of equipment.
- Installation of surfacing material.
- Cost of other site improvements required.

EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority will negotiate a final design and contract with the vendor rated first for the project.

Evaluation of proposals will be based on:

- Responsiveness to the RFP and the criteria for the site;
- Equipment designs and concepts presented;
- Originality and creativity;
- Safety;
- Overall play value of the design and equipment proposed;
- Durability and ease of maintenance of the equipment proposed;
- Ability to meet budget, although cost will not be the sole deciding factor;
- Ability to put together a design and construction system which will be able to perform all aspects of the project, possess appropriate Colorado contractor's license, and can meet the insurance requirements;
- Ability of proposed design to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Consumer Products Safety Council as well as International Playground Equipment Measure Association Guidelines, and the degree to which the design would allow participation by those with various disabilities.

PLAYGROUND DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

Playground Requirements:

- All playground equipment is appropriate for the age group stipulated. The age group for this project ranges from two (2) to ten (10)
- All playground equipment proposed meets or exceeds the current guidelines of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Playground installation shall be approved and supervised by a National Playground Safety Institute (NPSI) certified Playground Inspector that was also trained by the equipment manufacturer on proper installation techniques.
- Provide ground preparation required to install the playground equipment. The playground equipment must be mounted in a footing.
- Decks shall be manufactured and finished with PVC coating and upright posts shall be either galvanized, steel, or aluminum material with a corrosion resistant finish.
- All bolts, nuts, washers, screws and other associated hardware used for playground assembly must be corrosion resistant stainless steel.
- All play decks shall have textured slip resistant surfaces.
- Installers must provide all labor, equipment, materials and supplies needed to install the play structure.
- There shall be no tunnels/covered slides or swings.

Poured-in-Place safety surfacing:

- Provide and install the playground surfacing material to be poured-in-place. Entire playground surfacing is required to be “poured-in-place” surfacing. All installations that correspond with the RFP are required to meet and adhere to ADA requirements, federal, state, and local laws. Poured-in-place surfacing should meet all construction and safety specifications as set forth by the manufacturer.
- The poured-in-place site constructed with adequate drainage to prevent water damage to the poured-in-place material or playground equipment.
- Fall Zone regulation distances as outlined by the National Playground Safety Institute adhered to in all construction of areas on the perimeter of the playground.
- Depth of poured-in-place material to conform to NPSI and manufacturer recommendations.

Benches:

- Provide six (6) benches and any necessary hardware for installation by others. Benches to be four (4) feet in length as shown in the attached site plan

Attachment: Architectural Site Plan

Total Budget Allowance: $30,000

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Three (3) copies of the proposal.
- Three (3) references for similar work in similar weather conditions.
- Warranty specifics and evidence of durability of proposed product materials.
- Color pictures of the entire proposed playground and safety surfacing.