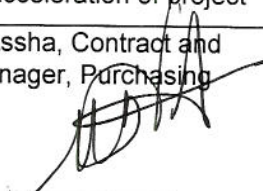


MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SOURCE SELECTION

SUBJECT Coquina Beach Playground Equipment	DATE POSTED 1/4/2010
PURCHASING REPRESENTATIVE Blair C. Getz, (941)749-3053	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED TO be determined after Negotiations
DEPARTMENT Financial Management, Purchasing Division	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED Delay in acceleration of project
SOURCE RECOMMENDATION Request for Proposals #09-4013BG	AUTHORIZED BY Melissa Assha, Contract and Buyer Manager, Purchasing Division  DATE 1/4/2010

ACTION DESIRED

Authorization to enter into negotiations with the top ranked firm Piazza, Inc. of Geneva FL to provide Coquina Beach Playground Equipment.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy.)

Manatee County Purchasing ordinance Chapter 2-26; Article IV, Source Selection; Section 2-26-40, Policies

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

- The Coquina Beach Playground project is part of a larger regional beach park improvement plan that has been planned over the next year. The goal is to expand and improve the beach experience. This project was approved for funding in the 2009 - 2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The playground will provide a significant attraction and is expected to generate additional revenue through rental of the adjacent pavilion.
- Estimated cost of \$89,960.00
- Funding Source: County Wide Impact Fee
- Background / Discussion is continued on Page 2.

SUMMARY

RESULTS

Authorization to enter into negotiations with the Piazza, Inc. to provide and install the required Playground Equipment.

ATTACHMENTS: (List in order as attached) Email dated: 12/18/2009	INSTRUCTIONS TO BOARD RECORDS: N/A
COST To be determined through negotiations	SOURCE (ACCT# & NAME) 3856005704 verify
COMMENTS N/A	AMT./FREQ. OF RECURRING COSTS (ATTACH FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT) N/A

- **Manatee County** firms that were directly contacted and made aware of this Request for Proposal were:

Miller Recreation Bradenton

Although notified, Miller Recreation declined to submit for they could not meet the specification or the design criteria

There were no other Manatee County firms found that would provide the products and services required by the RFP.

- 11/5/2009 to 11/25/2009 Appropriate Proposal procedures were followed. Proposals were solicited via Onvia DemandStar to nine hundred and twelve (912) prospective Proposers, including the one (1) Manatee County firm listed above that was contacted directly. Thirty seven (37) firms requested Proposal Documents, nine (9) Proposals were received from the following alphabetically listed firms:

ARC	Melbourne	Little Tikes	Farmington, Maryland
Florida Playstructures	Plant City	Piazza, Inc.	Geneva
Kool Playground Equipment	Saint Cloud	Play It Safe, Inc.	Jupiter
Leadex Corporation	Miami	REP Services, Inc.	Clearwater
Game Time	Longwood		

- December 17, 2009 a Selection Committee Meeting was held to review and short list firms from the nine (9) proposals received. The voting members of the Selection Committee are Cindy Turner, Director Parks & Recreation Department, Tom Yarger Manager Construction Division of property Management and Blair Getz Contracts Negotiator, Purchasing Division. The Selection Committee concluded that it is in the best interest of the County to enter into negotiations with the top ranked firm Piazza, Inc. of Geneva, FL
- During the term of this engagement the employment, subcontracting, and support services contracting as economic stimulus directly benefiting Manatee County that may be generated were specifically identified as criteria for evaluation of the offers.
- The eight (8) firms not selected failed to meet the RFP specifications and the design criteria and were not related to the potential economic stimulus for Manatee County. However, as stated in the solicitation document, all of the criteria specified in the Request for Proposals were utilized in making the selection determination.
- Piazza, Inc. of Geneva Florida the top ranked firm, demonstrated in their proposal exceptional qualifications and an excellent understanding of the Means and Methods required to deliver the required Coquina Beach Playgound Equipment which meets all specifications and Design Criteria without exception as requested in the request for Proposals. This firm, although not local, will provide an economic stimulus to Manatee County by utilizing Interstate, Inc. a Manatee County Contractor to perform the entire installation portion of the project. The Selection Committee unanimously voted Piazza, Inc. as the firm of choice to deliver the Coquina Beach Playgound Equipment on time and within budget.
- This project will be managed by the Property Management Department.

