

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

**DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES
PLAY AREAS AT FOREST HILLS PARK AND ROSE PARK**

Solicitation #: DCAM-14-CS-0106

**Addendum No. 5
Issued: March 5, 2014**

This Addendum Number 05 is issued by e-mail on March 5, 2014. Except as modified hereby, the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) remains unmodified.

Item #1

Requests for Information: Below is a list of questions and the Department’s responses:

Forest Hills Park and Rose Park:

1. Scope of work Paragraph A. Geotechnical Study on both the Forest Hills and Rose Park, says “Design-builder shall conduct a geotechnical study to determine soil and subsurface engineering properties and suitability for the proposed design and to make the appropriate recommendations to DGS”. If the sub surface soil is found to be unsuitable for construction, how will the cost for amending the soil be handled? Should we include the cost in our bid price or will it be paid as a change order to contract after the contract is awarded. **Response: The Design-Builder will be required to undertake a visual inspection of the site. The Design-Builder shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment for differing site conditions only to the extent that such conditions could not have been discovered by a competent visual inspection of the site and are of unusual nature and differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inhering to work of the character provided for in this Agreement.**
2. The concept drawings for both Forest Hills and Rose Parks Show new ADA Ramps to be installed. If the ADA ramps have a greater than 5% slope, they will need a Handrail. What hand rail type and design would DGS prefer? **Response: If handrails are needed, the handrail shall be fabricated from steel and be powder coated, 1-1/2” diameter.**

Forest Hills Park

3. Is it known if the water fountains are currently functional, or are they just winterized at the moment? **Response: DGS Facilities has determined that the water fountains are not functional. DGS Facilities will conduct further investigations to determine the cause. The selected contractor may be asked to repair/replace the water fountain at an additional cost.**
4. Does DPR want a concrete pad under the entry pergola (Add/Alt #2)? **Response: The base bid currently has the pathway underneath the pergola as stone dust.**

5. Please confirm whether track around play area should be priced as Pebbleflex in Add/Alternates 3 and 4. **Response: The base bid for the track is 50/50 EPDM rubber. In add/alternates 3 and 4 the track remains 50/50 EPDM rubber.**
6. Will design-builder be reimbursed for cost of DDOT public space permit? **Response: The Design-Builder shall make every effort to flush out the concept design so that there are no improvements in public space. However, if the Design-Builder must make improvements in the public space, a permit should be secured according to DCRA guidelines. The Design-Builder shall submit the cost to secure such a permit as a change order for reimbursement.**

Rose Park

7. Please clarify which areas are to receive a refinished asphalt surface, which spaces are to receive new asphalt and surfacing (requiring demolition of whatever existing surface is present), and which areas are to remain as-is. Areas in question include the tennis courts, practice area, and basketball courts. **Response: New asphalt and striping of existing tennis practice area and tennis courts are to receive an acrylic surfacing coat. Basketball courts are not to be touched.**
8. Is it known if the water fountains are currently functional, or are they just winterized at the moment? **Response: The water fountains at Rose Park are winterized.**
9. Are the retaining walls required for the ADA ramp to match the existing stone walls or can they be concrete or block material? **Response: The Design-Builder shall match the existing stone walls for bidding purposes.**
10. Does DPR want a specialized handrail for the ADA ramp or will a standard (e.g. painted, extruded aluminum) handrail suffice? **Response: The Design-Builder shall price a powder coated steel 1-1/2" diameter handrail.**
11. Will DGS/DPR compensate the selected design-builder for design changes required by OGB/CFA? **Response: The Contractor's lump sum price should include the costs of addressing comments from agencies with jurisdiction over the project. The fundamental changes to the design are required by such an agency, the costs of the redesign required shall be a change.**

Sherwood Recreation Center

12. Please indicate the proposed locations for the new programmable gates. Is it for the gate at the bottom of the ramp and the gate closest to the proposed trike storage? I don't see any other gates except for the double access that is mentioned in Add/alt #8. **Response: The proposed locations for the programmable gates are shown on the DPR automatic lock standards, which were included as an attachment to the scope of work. The existing gate between the school and the playground should remain as is. It does not need to be a programmable gate.**
13. Does the park electrical service originate from the SWS building or the Sherwood RC? **Response: The electrical service is to originate from the Sherwood Recreation Center.**
14. Does the park water source have to originate from the Sherwood RC or can we use the SWS building? **Response: The water source is to originate from the Sherwood Recreation Center.**

15. Concrete retaining wall at SWS parking lot ramp is damaged. Does this need to be repaired, replaced, or left as-is? **Response: The damaged concrete retaining wall is to be replaced.**
16. Will track and field N of playground have to remain open during the project? **Response: The track and field are to remain open and accessible during the project.**
17. Do the evergreen shrubs between the SWS parking lot and the proposed playground need to be removed or remain? **Response: The existing evergreen shrubs are to be removed.**
18. Please provide a cut sheet for the “Park Guidelines Sign, Post Mounted”. It was not included in the RFP. Should the Park Closes at Dark sign be fence or post mounted? **Response: The Park Closes at Dark sign should be post mounted. See the attached DPR Standard Playground Rules Signage for further explanation.**
19. Will Design Builder be reimbursed for the cost of the DDOT public space permit? **Response: The Design-Builder shall make every effort to flush out the concept design so that there are no improvements in public space. However, if the Design-Builder must make improvements in the public space, a permit should be secured according to DCRA guidelines. The Design-Builder shall submit the cost to secure such a permit as a change order for reimbursement.**
20. Is the 2 – 5 year old playhouse part of the playground equipment allowance? **Response: Yes.**
21. Are the musical instruments part of the playground equipment allowance? **Response: Yes.**

Item #2

The bid date is hereby changed. Proposals are due by **March 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm EST.** Proposals that are hand-delivered should be delivered to the attention of: Annmarie McQueen, Contract Specialist, at **Frank D. Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, 8th floor, Washington, DC 20009.**

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