

**Nampa School District No. 131  
Request for Proposals  
Elementary School Playgrounds**

**Addendum #1—Questions & Clarifications**

As provided for in Section 2 of the General Proposal Conditions & Requirements for Elementary School Playgrounds Request for Proposal due to the District on April 4, 2018, the following specification updates and clarifications will supersede prior-issued specifications or provide additional information as stated.

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**Re: Permits**

**3/8/2018**

**Q:** The RFP lists “permits” as the responsibility of the contractor, and the question was posed during the walkthrough about what permits would be required. Were you able to determine what, if any, permits are required?

**A:** We spoke with the Idaho Department of Building Safety, and they stated that since it is a school-owned property and within city limits, any permits would be the purview of the city. The City of Nampa Building Department has told us that no permits are required for this type of project.

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**Re: Roof structures**

**3/8/2018**

**Q:** Clarifying the roof requirements in Section 12 (Project & Proposal Specification & Requirements)—can we still include roof structures that do not require removal, or is this a no-roof-at-all requirement?

**A:** Building administrators and others are concerned about kids climbing atop roof structures and other items above the proper play structures. Also, they are not worried about a lack of shade structures. Thus, we are requesting that the proposed installation do not have any sort of roof or shade structures at all.

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**Re: Differential awards within sites**

**3/8/2018**

**Q:** The RFP states that you may award the project to multiple contractors. Does that mean we could be working with/around other contractors on particular installations, sites, or play areas?

**A:** A winning proposal will be selected for each site—that is to say, for each school. A single contractor could be awarded both projects, or we may engage separate contractors for each school site; our evaluation will be of the individual proposals, for each site. We do not wish or intend to engage multiple contractors for a single school site.

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**Re: ADA at Greenhurst lower 2-12 installation**

**3/9/2018**

**Q:** It is our understanding you would like attention paid to children with special needs for this area—is this correct? If so, do you want “ramps” for wheelchairs?

**A:** Greenhurst houses the District’s early childhood preschool, and has a number of children with special needs, including wheelchairs. Attachments/structures that accommodate wheelchair access to the equipment would be appropriate for this play area.

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**Re: Post system sizing**

**3/9/2018**

**Q:** We do not see that you are calling for a 5" post system (v. a 3-1/2" post system). Will you accept a 3-1/2" post system or do you prefer a 5" system (which is standard for school)?

**A:** Lacking specific knowledge of what brands of equipment may be proposed or what post sizing may be offered by any particular brand, we have not specified a size or any minimum requirement. However, our expectation is that any proposed equipment should and will utilize a post size that is appropriate for a school playground setting and the volume/type of use reasonably expected at a school playground.

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**Re: Roof structures**

**3/9/2018**

**Q:** It is our understanding you do not want "roofs" on any equipment; is this correct?

**A:** This is correct. School administrators are concerned about kids climbing onto roof structures, and they are not concerned with including shade structures. In the interest of uniformity and simplicity, we have asked that no roof or shade structures be used atop the equipment.

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**Re: Existing equipment at Greenhurst lower area**

**3/9/2018**

**Q:** Our construction manager thought you may be looking to keep one of the existing pieces that is still in good shape. If this is the case, can you verify such and what equipment should stay?

**A:** We are not keeping any of the old pieces in the Greenhurst lower area. This area housed an older (and in ill repair) play rig and a geo-dome climber, and both have already been removed from the site.

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**Re: Greenhurst upper area exercise equipment**

**3/9/2018**

**Q:** We were told you would like special attention to "exercise" equipment for this area; can you verify?

**A:** We're interested in "exercise through play," not necessarily through dedicated exercise stations. Structures beyond a simple "decks & slides" arrangement, such as climbers and/or overhead activities that include upper body challenges would fit the bill.

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**Re: Excavation & curbing requirements**

**3/15/2018**

**Q:** Can you clarify, for each site/installation, the specific requirements for excavation & curbing? Are we excavating and/or lowering the pit and the new concrete borders? Will new concrete borders be the responsibility of the contractor? What depth of excavation is required?

**A:** Excavation and curbing (labor & materials) will be the responsibility of the contractor at both sites, for each installation at those sites. All curbs will be new installation. The depth of excavation is not specified, but is expected to be as required for the finished curb and surface fill as shown in Detail 1, included with the reissued specifications.

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**Re: Size restrictions/requirements for proposal materials**

**3/15/2018**

**Q:** Is there a size restriction on the submitted proposal materials sent for the initial deadline of April 4?

**A:** No, we have no restrictions on the size of the materials that may be submitted with the initial proposals. We would appreciate everything being on either letter-size (8-1/2" x 11") or legal-size (8-1/2" x 14") paper, for ease of handling and filing. Nonetheless, we will accept whatever submissions are deemed necessary and appropriate to support the proposal.

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**Re: Age ranges & equipment at Centennial**

**3/22/2018**

**Q:** The stated age range for both play areas is 5-12, while Greenhurst is 2-12 & 5-12. Can you confirm the age ranges for Centennial?

**A:** The specified age ranges for Centennial are 5-12 for both areas. The smaller of the two areas (as they are now), to the east of the building, is generally used by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, whereas the other area is primarily used by the lower grades. For the east area, equipment geared toward the upper end of the 5-12 age range—such as climbers and other such items, rather than a traditional play assembly—would be acceptable for that area.

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**Re: Excavating & hauling residual wood fiber**

**3/26/2018**

**Q:** When we excavate for the new playgrounds and haul the old wood fiber to your site, we expect to have a lot of dirt and decomposing material mixed in with the wood fiber. We want to make sure this is realized/understood by the District and acceptable.

**A:** Yes, we understand that getting strictly clean residual fiber out of the existing sites isn't necessarily realistic. We would appreciate keeping the fiber and other materials separate, to the extent that doing so may be accomplished without excess labor or time. Nonetheless, we'll take the excavation mix as it comes out and deal with it separately.

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