
CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Council Meeting Date: 12/08/2016**
Agenda Item: 5B8

ACTION: Approve the utilization of one-year U.S. Communities contracts with GameTime Division of Playcore Wisconsin, Inc. and KOMPAN, Inc. for the purchase of park and playground equipment, surfacing, site furnishings, and related commodities and services.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total combined cost of these contracts will not exceed \$120,000 during the one-year period. Sufficient funds have been appropriated in the Park Improvement/Recreation Capital Improvement Project Fund cost center 6305499 (Park Playground Replacement) for the anticipated expenditures in the current fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the utilization of the contracts.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (110171) Mecklenburg County in North Carolina solicited bids and awarded U.S. Communities cooperative contracts for park and playground equipment, surfacing, site furnishings, and related commodities and services. The primary purpose of U.S. Communities is to consolidate purchase volumes from cities across the United States in order to leverage spend on a national level. This approach aids cities and other public entities in achieving cost-effective acquisition for quality products and services. The resultant contracts contain cooperative language and can be used by other U.S. Communities members.

These contracts will be used to supplement the City's other contracts for playground equipment. New and replacement equipment not under the City's contracts may be purchased and installed at City parks and playgrounds on an as-needed basis. A majority of the equipment at the City's park playgrounds range in age from 15 to over 30 years. Each year individual pieces of playground equipment fail prior to a park playground's scheduled maintenance. Often times due to age, use, and vandalism an individual piece of equipment needs to be replaced immediately rather than waiting for a scheduled replacement.

In addition to supplementing the City's other contracts for playground equipment as part of our ongoing replacement project, these companies offer some new and innovative product options for adaptive use, seniors, and fitness stations that can be tailored to meet the needs of different age groups. Relatedly, having these contracts in place should increase the availability of equipment which will allow for better lead-time scheduling and neighborhood park project delivery. Parks staff will also be much better prepared to present various play apparatus configurations with neighborhood groups as part of the park renovation planning process.

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The U.S. Communities contracts utilized a competitive bid process that established a firm fixed percentage discount off of a verifiable list price for equipment, systems, parts, components, surfacing materials, site furnishings and all other products offered by the contractor. Discounts for GameTime range from 3% to 24% off commercial list pricing and for Playcore Wisconsin, they range from 5% to 12.5% off commercial list pricing.

ATTACHMENTS: None

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