

Request for Proposals (RFP)  
To Provide Playground Equipment to the Canton Park District

INVITATION

The Canton Park District is requesting proposals to provide playground equipment to be purchased for: (1) Big Creek Park and (2) South Park

Proposals may be hand carried or mailed, and will be received at the Canton Park District Administration Office, 250 South Avenue D, Canton, IL 61520 until 2:00 PM, Friday, March 15, 2024.

Proposals must include complete drawings for each design; specifications and pictures for each component in the designs; colors available; and the specification/evaluation sheets for the part.

All equipment must be competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a lead agency and now available through a procurement agency (such as OMNIA or others).

The Canton Park District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals with or without cause, and to accept proposals which it considers most favorable.

Questions regarding this request for proposal shall be directed to Jon Johnson, Executive Director, (309) 647-1345 or [j.johnson@cantonpark.org](mailto:j.johnson@cantonpark.org).

## **INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Canton Park District is requesting proposals to provide playground equipment to be purchased for: (1) Big Creek Park and (2) South Park.

The Canton Park District will select a vendor for each playground project. The same vendor can be selected for both playground projects.

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All equipment must be competitively solicited and publicly awarded by a lead agency and now available through a procurement agency (such as OMNIA or others).

The Canton Park District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals with or without cause, and to accept proposals which it considers most favorable.

## **SCOPE OF PROJECT**

The Canton Park District project involves the purchase of playground equipment and (possible) installation for (1) Big Creek Park and (2) South Park. Depending upon costs associated with the installation, the Canton Park District may choose to assemble and install the equipment with their own personnel.

Playground vendors may provide two (2) designs for each playground. Vendors will be responsible for reviewing the park locations to determine the appropriateness of submitted designs. Park addresses are included in the request for proposals.

The Canton Park District requires vendors to design a play system that meets or exceeds all current Federal, CPSC, ASTM, IPEMA standards and ADA requirements. The proposals shall include the costs for delivered play systems as designed, inclusive of the equipment structures, components, hardware and manufacturer detailed technical installation instructions should the Canton Park District opt to assemble and install the equipment.

Questions concerning the proposal should be directed to:

Jon Johnson, Executive Director  
Canton Park District  
(309) 647-1345  
(309) 647-2463  
[j.johnson@cantonpark.org](mailto:j.johnson@cantonpark.org)

The Canton Park District shall be exempt for any liability for costs incurred by unsuccessful vendors in preparation for the proposals.

## **MINIMUM DESIGN ELEMENT GUIDELINES**

Playground equipment manufacturers should base their designs on meeting compliance requirements, quality of components and design, play value, appropriateness to location, vandalism resistance and cost.

## **COMPLIANCE**

All equipment and materials must meet and/or exceed all Federal, CPSC, ASTM, and IPEMA guidelines.

All equipment and materials must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The designs submitted by playground representatives must incorporate either a transfer platform or ramp in each design.

## **ASSEMBLY/INSTALLATION AND INSPECTION**

Pricing for play system equipment should be provided with an installation included option and with an installation not included option.

Should the Canton Park District opt to assemble and install the equipment with in-house personnel then the following must be provided:

A company representative is required to conduct a post installation inspection of equipment upon completion by the Canton Park District to ensure the proper installation of the equipment. If not properly installed, modifications must be submitted in writing to the Canton Park District. Upon completion of installation, the vendor must provide documentation attesting the equipment has been installed meeting all specifications thereby warranted by the manufacturer.

## **EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS**

The Canton Park District will receive sealed proposals until 2:00 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024. Two (2) copies of each proposal must be submitted by manufacturers for the parks under the specifications and guidelines provided in this document. Sealed proposals may be sent to:

Canton Park District  
Attn: Jon Johnson  
250 S. Avenue D  
Canton, IL 61520

Proposals must be marked "PROPOSAL FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT". After the initial review of the proposals, vendors may be called to present their designs to staff or Commissioners.

Proposals will be evaluated based on ADA, ASTM, IPEMA, and CPSC standards and compliance requirements, compliance to design guidelines and specifications, play structure design and appeal, play value, design in relation to cost, and reputation/reliability of manufacturer.

All delivery and inspection costs must be included in the proposal. Payment for equipment will be sent within thirty (30) days after delivery and invoicing of the play systems.

All proposal amounts shall be guaranteed for not less than ninety (90) days after the proposal submittal deadline date.

The Canton Park District requires this contract to awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The award decision is subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Canton Park District.

PLAY SYSTEMS DESIGN EVALUATION/SPECIFICATION SHEET  
For  
BIG CREEK PARK

Allocated Dollar Amount: \$124,500.00

Desired Features:

- Big Creek Park is a community park with a regional draw. The south entrance to the park is located at 940 N. Main Street, Canton, IL 61520. The specific playground location is Plus Code: HXC4+QJ3 or at GPS: 40.5718877,-90.0434632.
- The play system design should include components for children ages: 2 – 12 years old
- The play system should accommodate moderately high to high user numbers.

All equipment must meet the following specifications for the play system proposal or be an approved equal. Any variance from specifications must be explained in areas beneath each item, if the specification is not met exactly by the proposed equipment.

All boxes must be checked appropriately.

NO WOODEN STRUCTURES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

A letter signed by an officer of the Manufacturing Company must be included stating all equipment meets or exceeds current CPSC, ASTM standards, and ADA. ( )Yes ( )No

A letter of IPEMA validation for all components. ( )Yes ( )No

Manufacturer's standard warranty against defects in workmanship, materials, and/or structural failure due to deterioration from corrosion. Defective workmanship shall be:

Lifetime on support post and fastening system and hardware: ( )Yes ( )No

Limited fifteen (15) years PVC deck: ( )Yes ( )No

Minimum ten (10) years on all pipes, rungs, and roto-molded plastic components: ( )Yes ( )No

Limited one (1) year on all products ( )Yes ( )No

Manufacturer's must provide minimum Product Liability Coverage of \$10,000,000; manufacturer's representative must provide a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability coverage. ( )Yes ( )No

All metal structural posts shall be round, minimum 3.5" OD, 11 gauge galvanized steel tubing with yield strength of 42,000 psi and tensile strength of 48,000 psi. ( )Yes ( )No

All bolts, nuts, screws, washers and other hardware used for assembly of equipment shall be corrosion resistant 18-8 stainless steel or equal with manufacturer's lifetime warranty. ( )Yes ( )No

All clamps and fasteners shall conform to ASTM 3511, ASNI 322. ( )Yes ( )No

Painted exterior component shall be an electrostatically applied powder coat finish with colors to be selected by the Canton Park District. ( )Yes ( )No

All decking and steps shall be PVC coated. ( )Yes ( )No

State size of steel angle perimeter frame: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of decking: \_\_\_\_\_

State size and type of steel: \_\_\_\_\_

Plastic parts shall be roto-molded low density polyethylene which contain UV inhibitors and are resistant to color fading. ( )Yes ( )No

Wall thickness of roto-molded components: \_\_\_\_\_

All openings on decks shall have vertical upright safety rails except the necessary entrance to play event. ( )Yes ( )No

All slides shall be roto-mold plastic. No internal fasteners on sliding surfaces will be accepted. ( )Yes ( )No

The amount is for delivered equipment and materials and post-installation inspection.

Maximum \$124,500

Proposal Amount (without installation) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Option #1 Installation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

List the components of the Big Creek Park system. Include slide(s) type(s) and height(s), deck(s), shape(s), size(s) and height(s); protective area; or any other relevant descriptive information. Can be listed on an attached sheet as necessary.

PLAY SYSTEMS DESIGN EVALUATION/SPECIFICATION SHEET  
For  
SOUTH PARK

Allocated Dollar Amount: \$65,000.00

Desired Features:

- South Park is a neighborhood park. The Park is bordered by the 100 block of East Oak Street, the 100 block of East Hickory Street, the 500 block of South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (West), and the 500 block of South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Canton, Illinois. The specific playground location is Plus Code: GXX9+J25 or at GPS: 40.5490083,-90.0323900.
- The play system design should include components for children ages: 2 – 12 years old
- The play system should accommodate moderately user numbers.

All equipment must meet the following specifications for the play system proposal or be an approved equal. Any variance from specifications must be explained in areas beneath each item, if the specification is not met exactly by the proposed equipment.

All boxes must be checked appropriately.

NO WOODEN STRUCTURES WILL BE CONSIDERED.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

A letter signed by an officer of the Manufacturing Company must be included stating all equipment meets or exceeds current CPSC, ASTM standards, and ADA. ( )Yes ( )No

A letter of IPEMA validation for all components. ( )Yes ( )No

Manufacturer's standard warranty against defects in workmanship, materials, and/or structural failure due to deterioration from corrosion. Defective workmanship shall be:

Lifetime on support post and fastening system and hardware: ( )Yes ( )No

Limited fifteen (15) years PVC deck: ( )Yes ( )No

Minimum ten (10) years on all pipes, rungs, and roto-molded plastic components: ( )Yes ( )No

Limited one (1) year on all products ( )Yes ( )No

Manufacturer's must provide minimum Product Liability Coverage of \$10,000,000; manufacturer's representative must provide a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability coverage. ( )Yes ( )No

All metal structural posts shall be round, minimum 3.5" OD, 11 gauge galvanized steel tubing with yield strength of 42,000 psi and tensile strength of 48,000 psi. ( )Yes ( )No

All bolts, nuts, screws, washers and other hardware used for assembly of equipment shall be corrosion resistant 18-8 stainless steel or equal with manufacturer's lifetime warranty. ( )Yes ( )No

All clamps and fasteners shall conform to ASTM 3511, ASNI 322. ( )Yes ( )No

Painted exterior component shall be an electrostatically applied powder coat finish with colors to be selected by the Canton Park District. ( )Yes ( )No

All decking and steps shall be PVC coated. ( )Yes ( )No

State size of steel angle perimeter frame: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of decking: \_\_\_\_\_

State size and type of steel: \_\_\_\_\_

Plastic parts shall be roto-molded low density polyethylene which contain UV inhibitors and are resistant to color fading. ( )Yes ( )No

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Maximum \$65,000

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Option #1 Installation \$\_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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