

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Black Hawk County Conservation gives notice that proposals will be received from experienced, qualified playground equipment manufacturers and/or Vendors for design, procurement, and installation of commercial playgrounds located in four different County Parks. The vendor must be familiar with the specifications and requirements of the request for proposal and the vendor offers to furnish said items to the County as required in its request for proposal.

The Request for Proposal for this project is on file and available upon request at the Conservation Administrative Office Building located at 1346 W. Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA 50703. This published notice is an abbreviation of the bid specifications.

This project is being funded in whole or in part by American Rescue Plan Funds. All related federal American Rescue Plan requirements will apply. Bidders are prohibited from discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504, Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise standards, affirmative action requirements, the Contract and Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Federal Labor Standards Provisions HUD-4010, Section 3 requirements per the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and all contract procurement provisions listed in 2 CFR Part 200, Appendix II, as applicable.

Firms submitting proposals must be an "Equal Opportunity Employer" as defined in the "Civil Rights Act of 1964" and in "Iowa Executive Order Number Thirty-Four."

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00pm on Friday, January 26, 2024, at the Black Hawk County Conservation Administrative Office Building located at 1346 W. Airline Highway, Waterloo, IA 50703. Proposals are to be clearly marked and submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for ADA Playgrounds – Black Hawk County, IA."

All proposals must be hand-delivered or mailed to the above address, and it is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure that the proposal is received by Black Hawk County at the specified date and time. Any proposal received after the specified date and/or time shall be rejected. **NO FAXED OR EMAILED PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

Upon signing the contract, a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount equal to 100% of the contract amount shall be required and submitted before work commences. The Performance Bond shall be in effect until the contract has been satisfied and accepted by the Chair of the Black Hawk County Board of Supervisors. The Payment Bond shall be in effect for a period of at least one year following the day on which the last of the labor was performed or material was supplied.

Proposals will be reviewed and scored by a selection committee.

The public hearing is set for Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Black Hawk County Conservation Administrative Office Building located at 1346 W. Airline Highway,

Waterloo, IA 50703. No responder may withdraw his/her proposal for at least thirty (30) calendar days after the scheduled hearing of the proposals.

The final selection and award of contract shall follow at a later date following an examination of the submitted proposals. Upon signing of the contract, a Certificate of Insurance naming Black Hawk County as additional insured shall be required and submitted before work commences and remain in effect until the project is complete and accepted.

Published upon order of the Black Hawk County Conservation Board, Mike Bonser, President, Waterloo, IA and dated this 14th day of December 2023.

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