

**City of Beaufort**  
**RFP 2020 – 112 Waterfront Park Playground**  
**Questions and Answers Submitted by March 19, 2020**  
**Questions & Answers posted by March 24, 2020.**

1. **Question:** Regarding as stated in the RFP “Playground equipment installers must be certified with NPCAI” – What if the installer is not certified by NPCAI. If they are trained according to the approved NPCAI methods, but we self-certify through the manufacturer’s inhouse training program specific to the equipment and CPSI certified. Will this disqualify the proposal?

**Answer:** We will accept either if they are similar. We may require an inspection by a NPCAI inspector after install.

2. **Question:** Regarding as stated in the RFP, Purchase and Installation must be completed by July 31, 2020, which contradicts Page 8 of 45 Evaluation: Ability to complete the work by July 1, 2020. Which date is it?

**Answer:** July 31, 2020 is the latest. We prefer completion by July 1 due to large park events scheduled in July. There are some challenges in July that installers will have to work around to include Water Festival which held in the park for more than 14 days in July.

3. **Question:** Are there any penalties or fines for failure to complete by July 31?

**Answer:** Yes, there will be penalty for failure to complete the project by July 31 to be determined ASAP before the contract is awarded.

4. **Question:** The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and service for the use of the subject: of the contract. Attached is the warranty, which covers parts/labor- is this sufficient?

**Answer:** Product warranties as well as long term service and maintenance past the warranty period are to be included in the proposals and are a component of the scoring.

5. **Question:** Storm drains:

- Where they are located?
- Can you provide a clear Site Plans – especially A.1 Storm Drain Plan, site plan addenda. The wording is unreadable with what is on the website.
- Depth and size of the storm drains?
- What material the storm drains are made of?
- What are Measurements of the Playground – is a scaled site plan available?

**Answer:** Complete pdf files have been uploaded to the public website. Storm drains are made of RCP (re-enforced concrete pipe).

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- 6. Question:** Based off of the survey results, there was a lot of interest for splash pads. Would you be interested in seeing a design was some sort of small splash pad/misting station?  
**Answer:** No
- 7. Question:** If so (yes to questions 5) would you be willing to let us submit three designs with the third being the one that includes a water play option.  
**Answer:** No
- 8. Question:** Are you looking to go back with the PIP/EWF surfacing combination or is that up to us?  
**Answer:** Up to the proposer
- 9. Question:** Is there existing drainage in the current playground area? Based on the drawings from 2005 the intent was to have playground drainage connect to the drain line that runs parallel to the playground site.  
**Answer:** Yes, there is. Please refer to the drainage plan
- 10. Question:** There are 6 trees in the park, there was some discussion about 2 of the smaller ones being removed, if so, which two?  
**Answer:** Please refer to Site Plan detailing trees to be removed
- 11. Question:** Whose is responsible for trimming the trees adjacent to the playground.  
**Answer:** The City is responsible for trimming the trees and we will make sure that gets done before the installation begins.
- 12. Question:** How will you control access to the parking area and the unloading of equipment. Is there an alternate location to park equipment at the City Public Works facility?  
**Answer:** The only parking spaces that the City controls are the one facing the park and some of these spaces can be coned off for use during installation There may be an issue keeping access to the garbage dumpsters accessible that would use some of those spaces. Adjacent to the rest rooms is a portion of the park that can be used to store equipment. And the Public Works facility is available.

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**13. Question:** Are the fence gates fixed or removable. Can sections be removed from the fence if posts are not?

**Answer:** The fence sections are removable.

**14. Question:** The budget is \$200,000 to \$300,000. Are you planning to weight proposals on the low or high end of the range?

**Answer:** The City awards contracts to the lowest responsible bidder, not on cost alone. You need to consider the requirements of the RFP.

**15. Question:** Can we submit multiple designs?

**Answer:** Yes. Proposers may submit a maximum of two (2) design options per supplier. Submit your plan designs and costs. We may select one and make changes not to the design but to certain features of it to fit the budget.

**16. Question:** Do you have a page limit for the proposals?

**Answer:** No, there are no page limits for the proposals.

**17. Question:** How often does the playground area flood.

**Answer:** With king tides and major storms the area has flooded but not excessively. Please keep in mind that the equipment is constantly exposed to salt air, water, etc. During king tides the promenade floods more so than the playground area.