East Poplar Playground Renovation RFP
Questions/RFIs:

1. I would like to know your anticipated start date for the project and how many working days you are allowing for completion.
   
   See revised Section 004109 Pricing R1

2. Can you advise if all Contract Category Participation Goals must be met for this project? 1.a, 1.b, 2.a, 2.b? I believe when we bid previous projects in the past that the participation would have been for 2.a & 2.b. Please confirm.
   
   Per 007337-2 EOP, for this project the contractor is to make all efforts to meet or exceed participation goals for Construction contracts: 30-35% MBE and 15-20% WBE.

3. I am reaching out to obtain additional information regarding the East Poplar Playground Renovations Project. Since there will be no RFP meeting how can I obtain a list of bidders (Prime/Sub-contactors) for the project?
   
   Please notify by email of intention to bid or price work at General Contractor or Subcontractor at RFP@phdc.phila.gov up to 3:00 PM by May 13, 2020. This list will be posted publicly as part of the RFP documents.

4. Has the existing earth material been tested in accordance with PADEP Clean Fill Standards?
   
   No

5. If the material has not been tested, who is responsible for testing the material?
   
   The Contractor responsible for base bid testing.

6. Can the material be managed as Clean Fill in accordance with the PADEP Clean Fill Standards?
   
   The contractor shall remove and recycle or dispose of all excess soil. Where testing indicates that soil samples collected, as documented in the Soil Quality Testing Building Addition Report do not meet the Pennsylvania department of Environmental Protection Clean Fill Concentration Limits the removal and subsequent recycling or disposal of all excess soil needs to be managed in accordance with the PADEP Management of Fill Policy dated August 7, 2010.

   Excavated excess soil will be samples and analyzed by the Contractor in order to obtain disposal approval at a landfill or recycling facility. Sampling and analysis of the excess soil will be at the Contractor’s expense at no additional cost to the owner.

   All excess soil will be recycled or disposed off-site in a manner consistent with all applicable local, State, and Federal regulations. Disposal of the excess soil will be at the Contractor’s expense at no additional cost to the owner. See revised Section 004109 Pricing R1 and Section 012100 Allowances.

7. If the material cannot be managed as Clean Fill, what should we assume for bidding purposes?
   
   See revised Section 004109 Pricing R1

8. Will the contractor be paid for additional disposal costs if the material is not Clean Fill?
   
   See question 7 and revised Section 004109 Pricing R1

9. Can existing earth material be stockpiled on site for re-use?
   
   Yes, if it meets the requirements identified in 312000 Earthwork, or can be amended to meet the requirements in 329100 Planting Preparation, submit as substitution for approval.
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10. Are there liquidated damages on this project? If yes, what are they?
   No.

11. Is there a geotechnical report for this project? If yes, can we have a copy of it?
   No.

12. Are there borings for this project? If yes, can we have them along with a boring location plan?
   If there are no borings for this project please provide existing thickness of the concrete, play surface and asphalt paving that existing on the site.
   No borings available. As stated in section 311000 Site Clearing, the removal should facilitate new construction. Assume 6” concrete depth, 4” safety surface, and 3” asphalt depth.

13. Are there any work hour restrictions on this project?
   Work hours are limited to 7am – 5pm Monday through Friday, adhering to all city restrictions at the time of construction.

14. Is the excavation work classified or unclassified?
   Unclassified.

15. Who is responsible for compaction and material testing and inspection work?
   Contractor is responsible for testing per specifications.

16. Will there be Background checks required for our workers
   No.

17. Are street and sidewalk closure permits required? If so are these covered by the owner?
   Street and sidewalk closure permits are the responsibility of the Contractor and per an approved logistics plan for work on site.

18. Can existing asphalt and/or existing subbase be used for the proposed subbase for the new full depth paving?
   If it meets the requirements of section 312000 Earthwork, submit substitution for approval.

19. Can existing asphalt and/or existing subbase be used for the proposed subbase for the new full trench backfill?
   If it meets the requirements of section 312000 Earthwork, submit substitution for approval.

20. Can Recycled Concrete meeting PennDOT 2A spec be used in lieu of stone for proposed subbase?
   If it meets the requirements of section 312000 Earthwork, submit substitution for approval.

21. Can Recycled Concrete meeting PennDOT 2A spec be used in lieu of stone for proposed full trench backfill?
   If it meets the requirements of section 312000 Earthwork, submit substitution for approval.

22. There is a note on drawing L-1.0 Demolition plan that mentions removing Fence and Posts. There is no delineation from where to start this removal and where to stop. Please provide
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23. There is a note on the (2) existing trees to remain that are closest to 8th Street. Please confirm these are the only trees that receive pruning.
   
   Confirmed. These are the only two (2) existing trees to be pruned.

24. Please provide a basis for estimating the foundation demolition with size, dimensions, depth of footing for the existing concrete seat walls, concrete picnic table slabs and cylindrical concrete bollards.
   
   No additional drawings available. As stated in section 311000 Site Clearing, the removal should facilitate new construction.

25. Please advise which drawing should be used to install tree protection fence. Drawings ES-1 & L-1.0 differ significantly. Also, the tree protection fence shown on L-1.0 conflicts with the Rumble Pad Entrance shown on ES-1. Please clarify what the limits should be for this work.
   
   Tree protection fence shall be installed as shown on L-1.0. Location of fence has been modified in Addendum 1 to allow for Rumble Pad Entrance, but demolition of paving and installation of new paving under tree canopy shall comply with tree protection guidelines.

26. Please confirm the removal of (1) picnic table and foundation is to be included in the Base Bid and the additional (2) are to be included in the Alternate Price.
   
   Removal of three (3) picnic tables is included in the Base Bid, all three (3) existing concrete pad foundations remain in Base Bid. Installation of three (3) new picnic tables is included in Base Bid. Removal of one (1) picnic table concrete pad is included in Add Alternate 1, and installation of only two (2) picnic tables is included in Add Alternate 1.

27. Please advise what the Base Bid scope of work is for the area to receive the Exercise equipment in Alternate 1. There is no Base Bid plan view of what is happening here.
   
   As stated in the notes on L-1.1, installation of one picnic table on existing concrete pad, and installation of soil and sod is the Base Bid if the Alternates do not get accepted.

28. Please confirm the Bulletin Board called out in specification section 100610 –10 EXTERIOR

   All signage is to be included in the Allowance shown on the Bid Form.

29. Please advise if a trailer will be required for this project. There are no specifications on what is required.
   
   Contractor to determine if trailer is required to complete the work; trailer is not required. OSHA 300 must be posted, and contract drawings, specifications, and approved submittals must be available onsite at all times for reference.

30. What is the fall height rating of the playground equipment?
   
   All swings are 8’. The 5-12 equipment is 8’, and the 2-5 equipment is 4’. Fall heights should be confirmed with playground manufacturer’s once playground equipment submittals are approved.
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31. On the Bid Form, there are no line items for Plumbing an Electrical where should they be placed?
   
   See revised Section 004109 Pricing R1.

32. There is a specification for signage and an allowance. Does the allowance cover all of the signage? If not what is to be covered in the base bid?
   
   All signage is covered in the base bid allowance.

33. Is the sprayground equipment to be included with the playground equipment on the bid form? Where is the sprayground equipment installation to go? with the playground equipment installation?
   
   See revised Section 004109 Pricing.

33. Is the playground building and pool going to be closed during construction?
   
   The building will not be closed. Contractor to maintain alternative access to the building as required. The Pool will not open in 2020.

34. Specification Section 015000, 3.19 calls for a contractor’s field office. Is this a requirement or at the contractor’s discretion?
   
   See response to question 29.

36. Can you confirm that all work listed in Section 100610 is part of the $30,000.00 allowance?
   
   Yes

37. The detail on Sheet D-2 shows the trench drain to be over 5’ deep the whole length. Typically a shallow drain we be constructed that drops in to a 2’x2’ inlet at the low end which has a sump/trap. Would that be acceptable in this case?
   
   Yes, refer to Addendum 1.

38. Sheet P-3, Keyed Note 8 says the area drain is by the spray feature manufacturer and points to an existing stormwater inlet slated to remain. Please clarify if we are doing any work to this existing inlet.
   
   This note has been eliminated in Addendum 1. There is no work to the existing inlet.

39. Sheet L-1.1 identifies 2 “Sand Stone” features at the spray area, however these are not shown on the plumbing plans. Please clarity whether they are required?
   
   The Sand Stone element is supplied by the sprayground manufacturer, but is a dry element and does not require plumbing.

40. When is construction work expected to being?
   
   Work is to proceed within 2 weeks of contract execution, within and with respect to the limitations of any Covid-19 restrictions in place.