

Condensed Title:

Request for Approval to Award a Contract, Pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) No.171-2013-TC, for the Playground Fence at South Pointe Park.

Key Intended Outcome Supported:

Ensure well-maintained facilities
Supporting Data (Surveys, Environmental Scan, etc.): The 2009 Customer Satisfaction Survey indicated that 79% of businesses rated recently completed capital improvement projects as "excellent" or "good."

Issue:

Shall the City Commission award the contract?

Item Summary/Recommendation:

The scope of work for this project consists of supplying and installing a 364 LF, 4-foot high aluminum fence with 3" diameter IPE hardwood top rail and E.N. plated aluminum 2" mesh panels in a 2"x 5/8" aluminum frame with two (2) ADA compliant 5'foot wide entry gates. Fencing must comply with current ASTM Standard #F2049-11 for playground fencing and must match the fence at the South Pointe Park Pier, however, height and mesh spacing may be changed in order to meet the safety standards.

To achieve the desired scope, Invitation to Bid (ITB) 171-2013TC was issued on May 22, 2013, with an opening date of June 13, 2013. Bids were received from the following three (3) firms:

- Guaranteed Fence Corp.
- Mena Construction, Inc.
- Tequesta Construction Services Group, Inc.

After review of the bids received, Guaranteed Fence Corp. was deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder at a cost of \$89,995.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends the award of the contract to Guaranteed Fence Corp., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 171-2013TC, for the playground fence at South Pointe Park, in the amount of \$89,995; plus approve a project contingency of 10% for a not-to-exceed grand total of \$98,995; further authorizing the Administration to engage in value engineering to further reduce the cost and time for completion of said project.

Advisory Board Recommendation:

On December 3, 2013, the Design Review Board (DRB) approved the design for the installation of the new fence.

Financial Information:

Source of Funds:		Amount	Account
	1	\$90,995	389-2754-069357 (construction)
OBPI	2	\$8,000	389-2754-000356 (contingency)
	Total	\$98,995	

Financial Impact Summary: N/A

City Clerk's Office Legislative Tracking:

John Rebar, ext. 6643

Sign-Offs:

Department Director JR <i>[Signature]</i> AD <i>[Signature]</i>	Assistant City Manager MT <i>[Signature]</i> KGB <i>[Signature]</i>	City Manager JLM <i>[Signature]</i>
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COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 15, 2014

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONTRACT, PURSUANT TO INVITATION TO BID NO. 171-2013TC, FOR THE PLAYGROUND FENCE AT SOUTH POINTE PARK.**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

Approve the award of contract.

KEY INTENDED OUTCOME SUPPORTED

Ensure well maintained facilities and ensure quality and timely delivery of capital projects.

FUNDING

\$90,995	389-2754-069357 (Construction)
\$8,000	389-2754-000356 (Contingencies)
\$98,995	Total

BACKGROUND

The playground, which is located in the northeastern quadrant of the park, is bordered to the east by the community building/concession facility, the elevated sidewalk to the north and west, and a busy pathway to the south. Due to its proximity and use of this sidewalk by bicyclists, Segway riders, rollerblade skaters, joggers, pedestrians walking dogs, etc., residents have expressed safety concerns.

At the time the South Pointe Park design was being developed, a fence around the playground area was never requested or discussed by the City, the designers, the community, or the Design Review Board. The South Pointe Park Basis of Design Report (BODR) makes no mention of fencing requirements as well. The BODR does include the minutes of two community design workshops where the only community comments associated with the playground regarded the provision of shade and the cost of the playground. The playground, as presented in the South Pointe BODR, did not include a fence; however, the seating and tables were built into the design for the playground area to provide for a safe and clearly defined environment for the children with integrated areas for parents to closely supervise their play.

Based on a preliminary discussion with the Planning Department about the concept of the placement of a fence, they have confirmed that Design Review Board approval would be required. Further, any proposed fence design would be expected to be reflective of and compliment the other similar design elements (such as the handrails) in the park, including the use of similar materials, which is stainless steel.

During the 2010 community meetings, several parents requested that a fence be installed as part of the new playground. However, no funding had been identified at that time for a fence, and in an effort to replace the existing playground equipment as expeditiously as possible; the project proceeded without a fence. Following the December 16, 2010, community meeting, the City received a letter from the South of Fifth Residents indicating their support for the installation of a fence around the playground.

On November 2011, South Pointe Park had a new playground, shade system, and safety surface installed. This playground replaced the original playground installed during the construction of South Pointe Park due to problems with quality and safety. The City remains in litigation on that matter. The replacement cost for the playground equipment, safety surface and shade system was \$275,000.

On December 3, 2013, the Design Review Board (DRB) approved the design for the installation of the new fence.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The work consists of supplying and installing a 364 LF, 4-foot high aluminum fence with 3” diameter IPE hardwood top rail and E.N. plated aluminum 2” mesh panels in a 2”x 5/8” aluminum frame with two (2) ADA compliant 5’foot wide entry gates. Fencing must comply with current ASTM Standard #F2049-11 for playground fencing and must match the fence at the South Pointe Park Pier, however, height and mesh spacing may be changed in order to meet the safety standards.

ITB PROCESS

Invitation to Bid (ITB) 171-2013TC was issued on May 22, 2013, with an opening date of June 13, 2013. The pre-bid conference was held on May 30, 2013. During the pre-bid conference, prospective bidders were instructed on the procurement process and the information their respective proposals should contain.

The Public Group and Bidnet issued bid notices to 31 and 53 prospective bidders respectively of which 9 and 6 accessed the advertised solicitation respectively. In addition, 71 vendors were notified via email, which resulted in the receipt of the following three (3) bids:

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| • Guaranteed Fence Corp. | \$89,995 |
| • Mena Construction, Inc. | \$159,499.96 |
| • Tequesta Construction Services Group, Inc. | \$159,667.00 |

Following the review of each bid received, Guaranteed Fence Corp. was deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. Mena Construction, Inc. and Tequesta Construction Services Group, Inc., the second and third highest bidders were deemed nonresponsive for failing to submit omitted information that was requested by the Procurement Division within the stated deadlines.

Founded in 2003, Guaranteed Fence Corp. is a licensed general contractor specializing in the production and installation of fencing products that also possess extensive knowledge and field experience throughout South Florida. Notable clients include the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority, Florida Department of Transportation, and the Cities of Hialeah, Miami Beach, and Pembroke Pines.

CITY MANAGER'S DUE DILIGENCE

After considering the review and recommendation of City staff, the City Manager exercised his due diligence and carefully considered the specifics of this ITB process. As a result, the City Manager recommends to the Mayor and City Commission to award the construction contract to Guaranteed Fence Corp. as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and authorize the Administration to engage in value engineering to further reduce the cost and time for completion of said project.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends the award of the contract to Guaranteed Fence Corp., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder pursuant to Invitation to Bid (ITB) 171-2013TC, for the playground fence at South Pointe Park, in the amount of \$89,995; plus approve a project contingency of 10% for a not-to-exceed grand total of \$98,995; further authorizing the Administration to engage in value engineering to further reduce the cost and time for completion of said project.

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