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BID OF Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc.

2025

PROPOSAL, CONTRACT, BOND AND SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

2026 Playgrounds – Set 1

CONTRACT NO. 9691

PROJECT NO.

MUNIS NO. 15623-51-130; 15636-51-130; 15635-51-130; 15634-51-130

IN

MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

AWARDED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL
MADISON, WISCONSIN ON Dec 9, 2025

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MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**


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SECTION A: ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

REQUEST FOR BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

A BEST VALUE CONTRACTING MUNICIPALITY

PROJECT NAME:	2026 PLAYGROUNDS – SET 1
CONTRACT NO.:	9691
SBE GOAL	20%
BID BOND	5%
SBE PRE BID MEETING (2:00 P.M.)	11/13/2025
PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION DUE (2:00 P.M.)	11/13/2025
BID SUBMISSION (2:00 P.M.)	11/20/25
BID OPEN (2:30 P.M.)	11/20/25
PUBLISHED IN WSJ	10/30/25 & 11/06/25 & 11/13/25

SBE PRE BID MEETING: Pre-Bid Meetings are being held virtually. Advance registration is required. Visit the SBE Meeting web page on Engineering's web site:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/developers-contractors/contractors/how-to-bid-public-works-contracts/small-business>.

Questions regarding SBE Program requirements may be directed to Tracy Lomax, Affirmative Action Division. Tracy may be reached at (608) 267-8634, or by email, TLomax@cityofmadison.com.

PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION: Forms are available on our website, www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/developers-contractors/contractors/how-to-get-prequalified. If not currently prequalified in the categories listed in Section A, an amendment to your Prequalification will need to be submitted prior to the same due date. Postmark is not applicable.

BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED: by hand to 1600 EMIL ST., MADISON, WI 53713 or online at www.bidexpress.com.

Bids may be submitted on line through Bid Express or in person at 1600 Emil St. The bids will be posted on line after the bid opening. If you have any questions, please call Isaac Gabriel at (608) 267-1197, or Kyle Frank at (608) 266-9091.

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

The City of Madison's Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction - 2025 Edition, as supplemented and amended from time to time, forms a part of these contract documents as if attached hereto.

These standard specifications are available on the City of Madison Public Works website, www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/developers-contractors/standard-specifications.

The Contractor shall review these Specifications prior to preparation of proposals for the work to be done under this contract, with specific attention to Article 102, "BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS" and Article 103, "AWARD AND EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT." For the convenience of the bidder, below are highlights of three subsections of the specifications.

SECTION 102.1: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 66.0901 (2) and (3), all bidders must submit to the Board of Public Works proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the City. The City requires that all bidders be qualified on a biennial basis.

Bidders must present satisfactory evidence that they have been regularly engaged in the type of work specified herein and they are fully prepared with necessary capital, materials, machinery and supervisory personnel to conduct the work to be contracted for to the satisfaction of the City. All bidders must be pre-qualified by the Board of Public Works for the type of construction on which they are bidding prior to the opening of the bid.

In accordance with Section 39.02(9)(a)l. of the General Ordinances, all bidders shall submit in writing to the Affirmative Action Division Manager of the City of Madison, a Certificate of Compliance or an Affirmative Action Plan at the same time or prior to the submission of the proof of responsibility forms.

The bidder shall be disqualified if the bidder fails to or refuses to, prior to opening of the bid, submit a Certificate of compliance, Affirmative Action Plan or Affirmative Action Data Update, as applicable, as defined by Section 39.02 of the General Ordinances (entitled Affirmative Action) and as required by Section 102.11 of the Standard Specifications.

SECTION 102.4 PROPOSAL

No bid will be accepted that does not contain an adequate or reasonable price for each and every item named in the Schedule of Unit Prices.

A lump sum bid for the work in accordance with the plans and specifications is required. The lump sum bid must be the same as the total amounts bid for the various items and it shall be inserted in the space provided.

All papers bound with or attached to the proposal form are considered a part thereof and must not be detached or altered when the proposal is submitted. The plans, specifications and other documents designated in the proposal form will be considered a part of the proposal whether attached or not.

A proposal submitted by an individual shall be signed by the bidder or by a duly authorized agent. A proposal submitted by a partnership shall be signed by a member/partner or by a duly authorized agent thereof. A proposal submitted by a corporation shall be signed by an authorized officer or duly authorized registered agent of such corporation, and the proposal shall show the name of the State under the laws of which such corporation was chartered. The required signatures shall in all cases appear in the space provided thereof on the proposal.

Each proposal shall be placed, together with the proposal guaranty, in a sealed envelope, so marked as to indicate name of project, the contract number or option to which it applies, and the name and address of the Contractor or submitted electronically through Bid Express (www.bidexpress.com). Proposals will be accepted at the location, the time and the date designated in the advertisement. Proposals received after the time and date designated will be returned to the bidder unopened.

SECTION 102.5: BID DEPOSIT (PROPOSAL GUARANTY)

All bids, sealed or electronic, must be accompanied with a Bid Bond (City of Madison form) equal to at least 5% of the bid or a Certificate of Annual/Biennial Bid Bond or certified check, payable to the City Treasurer. Bid deposit of the successful bidders shall be returned within forty-eight (48) hours following execution of the contract and bond as required.

MINOR DISCREPENCIES

Bidder is responsible for submitting all forms necessary for the City to determine compliance with State and City bidding requirements. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary contained herein, the City may exercise its discretion to allow bidders to correct or supplement submissions after bid opening, if the minor discrepancy, bid irregularity or omission is insignificant and not one related to price, quality, quantity, time of completion or performance of the contract.

Bidders for this Contract(s) must be Pre-Qualified for at least one of the following type(s) of construction denoted by an

Building Demolition

- 101 Asbestos Removal
- 110 Building Demolition
- 120 House Mover

Street, Utility and Site Construction

- 201 Asphalt Paving
- 205 Blasting
- 210 Boring/Pipe Jacking
- 215 Concrete Paving
- 220 Con. Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter/Misc. Flat Work
- 221 Concrete Bases and Other Concrete Work
- 222 Concrete Removal
- 225 Dredging
- 230 Fencing
- 235 Fiber Optic Cable/Conduit Installation
- 240 Grading and Earthwork
- 241 Horizontal Saw Cutting of Sidewalk
- 242 Hydro Excavating
- 243 Infrared Seamless Patching
- 245 Landscaping, Maintenance
- 246 Ecological Restoration
- 250 Landscaping, Site and Street
- 251 Parking Ramp Maintenance
- 252 Pavement Marking
- 255 Pavement Sealcoating and Crack Sealing
- 260 Petroleum Above/Below Ground Storage Tank Removal/Installation
- 262 Playground Installer
- 265 Retaining Walls, Precast Modular Units
- 270 Retaining Walls, Reinforced Concrete
- 275 Sanitary, Storm Sewer and Water Main Construction
- 276 Sawcutting
- 280 Sewer Lateral Drain Cleaning/Internal TV Insp.
- 285 Sewer Lining
- 290 Sewer Pipe Bursting
- 295 Soil Borings
- 300 Soil Nailing
- 305 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Laterals & Water Svc.
- 310 Street Construction
- 315 Street Lighting
- 318 Tennis Court Resurfacing
- 320 Traffic Signals
- 325 Traffic Signing & Marking
- 332 Tree pruning/removal
- 333 Tree, pesticide treatment of
- 335 Trucking
- 340 Utility Transmission Lines including Natural Gas, Electrical & Communications
- 399 Other _____

Bridge Construction

- 501 Bridge Construction and/or Repair

Building Construction

- 401 Floor Covering (including carpet, ceramic tile installation, rubber, VCT)
- 402 Building Automation Systems
- 403 Concrete
- 404 Doors and Windows
- 405 Electrical - Power, Lighting & Communications
- 410 Elevator - Lifts
- 412 Fire Suppression
- 413 Furnishings - Furniture and Window Treatments
- 415 General Building Construction, Equal or Less than \$250,000
- 420 General Building Construction, \$250,000 to \$1,500,000
- 425 General Building Construction, Over \$1,500,000
- 428 Glass and/or Glazing
- 429 Hazardous Material Removal
- 430 Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)
- 433 Insulation - Thermal
- 435 Masonry/Tuck pointing
- 437 Metals
- 440 Painting and Wallcovering
- 445 Plumbing
- 450 Pump Repair
- 455 Pump Systems
- 460 Roofing and Moisture Protection
- 464 Tower Crane Operator
- 461 Solar Photovoltaic/Hot Water Systems
- 465 Soil/Groundwater Remediation
- 466 Warning Sirens
- 470 Water Supply Elevated Tanks
- 475 Water Supply Wells
- 480 Wood, Plastics & Composites - Structural & Architectural
- 499 Other _____

State of Wisconsin Certifications

- 1 Class 5 Blaster - Blasting Operations and Activities 2500 feet and closer to inhabited buildings for quarries, open pits and road cuts.
- 2 Class 6 Blaster - Blasting Operations and Activities 2500 feet and closer to inhabited buildings for trenches, site excavations, basements, underwater demolition, underground excavations, or structures 15 feet or less in height.
- 3 Class 7 Blaster - Blasting Operations and Activities for structures greater than 15' in height, bridges, towers, and any of the objects or purposes listed as "Class 5 Blaster or Class 6 Blaster".
- 4 Petroleum Above/Below Ground Storage Tank Removal and Installation (Attach copies of State Certifications.)
- 5 Hazardous Material Removal (Contractor to be certified for asbestos and lead abatement per the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Asbestos and Lead Section (A&LS).) See the following link for application: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/Asbestos/Cert. State of Wisconsin Performance of Asbestos Abatement Certificate must be attached.
- 6 Certification number as a Certified Arborist or Certified Tree Worker as administered by the International Society of Arboriculture
- 7 Pesticide application (Certification for Commercial Applicator For Hire with the certification in the category of turf and landscape (3.0) and possess a current license issued by the DATCP)
- 8 State of Wisconsin Master Plumbers License.

SECTION B: PROPOSAL

Please refer to the
Bid Express Website
at <https://bidexpress.com>
look up contract number
and go to
Section B: Proposal Page

You can access all City of Madison bid solicitations for FREE at www.bidexpress.com

Click on the “Register for Free” button and follow the instructions to register your company and yourself. You will be asked for a payment subscription preference, since you may wish to bid online someday. Simply choose the method to pay on a ‘per bid’ basis. This requires no payment until / unless you actually bid online. You can also choose the monthly subscription plan at this time. You will, however, be asked to provide payment information. Remember, you can change your preference at anytime. You will then be able to complete your free registration and have full access to the site. Your free access does not require completion of the ‘Digital ID’ process, so you will have instant access for viewing and downloading. To be prepared in case you ever do wish to bid online, you may wish to establish your digital ID also, since you cannot bid without a Digital ID.

If you have any problems with the free registration process, you can call the bidexpress help team, toll free at 1-888-352-2439 (option 1, option1).

SECTION C: SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Instructions to Bidders City of Madison SBE Program Information

2 Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program Information

2.1 Policy and Goal

The City of Madison reaffirms its policy of nondiscrimination in the conduct of City business by maintaining a procurement process which remains open to all who have the potential and ability to sell goods and services to the City. It is the policy of the City of Madison to allow Small Business Enterprises (SBE) maximum feasible opportunity to participate in City of Madison contracting. The bidder acknowledges that its bid has been submitted in accordance with the SBE program and is for the public's protection and welfare.

Please refer to the "ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS" for the goal for the utilization of SBEs on this project. SBEs may participate as subcontractors, vendors and/or suppliers, which provide a commercially useful function. The dollar value for SBE suppliers or 'materials only' vendors shall be discounted to 60% for purposes of meeting SBE goals.

A bidder which achieves or exceeds the SBE goal will be in compliance with the SBE requirements of this project. In the event that the bidder is unable to achieve the SBE goal, the bidder must demonstrate that a good faith effort to do so was made. Failure to either achieve the goal or demonstrate a good faith effort to do so will be grounds for the bidder being deemed a non-responsible contractor ineligible for award of this contract.

A bidder may count towards its attainment of the SBE goal only those expenditures to SBEs that perform a commercially useful function. For purposes of evaluating a bidder's responsiveness to the attainment of the SBE goal, the contract participation by an SBE is based on the percentage of the total base bid proposed by the Contractor. The total base bid price is inclusive of all addenda.

Work performed by an SBE firm in a particular transaction can be counted toward the goal only if it involves a commercially useful function. That is, in light of industry practices and other relevant considerations, does the SBE firm have a necessary and useful role in the transaction, of a kind for which there is a market outside the context of the SBE Program, or is the firm's role a superfluous step added in an attempt to obtain credit towards goals? If, in the judgment of the Affirmative Action Division, the SBE firm will not perform a commercially useful function in the transaction, no credit towards goals will be awarded.

The question of whether a firm is performing a commercially useful function is completely separate from the question of whether the firm is an eligible SBE. A firm is eligible if it meets the definitional criteria and ownership and control requirements, as set forth in the City of Madison's SBE Program.

If the City of Madison determines that the SBE firm is performing a commercially useful function, then the City of Madison must then decide what that function is. If the commercially useful function is that of an SBE vendor / supplier that regularly transacts business with the respective product, then the City of Madison will count 60% of the value of the product supplied toward SBE goals.

To be counted, the SBE vendor / supplier must be engaged in selling the product in question to the public. This is important in distinguishing an SBE vendor / supplier, which has a regular trade with a variety of customers, from a firm which performs supplier-like

functions on an ad hoc basis or for only one or two contractors with whom it has a special relationship.

A supplier of bulk goods may qualify as an eligible SBE vendor / supplier if it either maintains an inventory or owns or operates distribution equipment. With respect to the distribution equipment; e.g., a fleet of trucks, the term "operates" is intended to cover a situation in which the supplier leases the equipment on a regular basis for its entire business. It is not intended to cover a situation in which the firm simply provides drivers for trucks owned or leased by another party; e.g., a prime contractor, or leases such a party's trucks on an ad hoc basis for a specific job.

If the commercially useful function being performed is not that of a qualified SBE vendor / supplier, but rather that of delivery of products, obtaining bonding or insurance, procurement of personnel, acting as a broker or manufacturer's representative in the procurement of supplies, facilities, or materials, etc., only the fees or commissions will apply towards the goal.

For example, a business that simply transfers title of a product from manufacturer to ultimate purchaser; e. g., a sales representative who re-invoices a steel product from the steel company to the Contractor, or a firm that puts a product into a container for delivery would not be considered a qualified SBE vendor / supplier. The Contractor would not receive credit based on a percentage of the cost of the product for working with such firms.

Concerning the use of services that help the Contractor obtain needed supplies, personnel, materials or equipment to perform a contract: only the fee received by the service provider will be counted toward the goal. For example, use of a SBE sales representative or distributor for a steel company, if performing a commercially useful function at all, would entitle the Contractor receiving the steel to count only the fee paid to the representative or distributor toward the goal. This provision would also govern fees for professional and other services obtained expressly and solely to perform work relating to a specific contract.

Concerning transportation or delivery services: if an SBE trucking company picks up a product from a manufacturer or a qualified vendor / supplier and delivers the product to the Contractor, the commercially useful function it is performing is not that of a supplier, but simply that of a transporter of goods. Unless the trucking company is itself the manufacturer or a qualified vendor / supplier in the product, credit cannot be given based on a percentage of the cost of the product. Rather, credit would be allowed for the cost of the transportation service.

The City is aware that the rule's language does not explicitly mention every kind of business that may contribute work on this project. In administering these programs, the City would, on a case-by-case basis, determine the appropriate counting formula to apply in a particular situation.

2.2 Contract Compliance

Questions concerning the SBE Program shall be directed to the Contract Compliance Officer of the City of Madison Department of Civil Rights, Affirmative Action Division, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 523, Madison, WI 53703; telephone (608) 266-4910.

2.3 Certification of SBE by City of Madison

The Affirmative Action Division maintains a directory of SBEs which are currently certified as such by the City of Madison. Contact the Contract Compliance Officer as indicated in Section 2.2 to receive a copy of the SBE Directory or you may access the SBE Directory online at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/civil-rights/contract-compliance>.

All contractors, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers seeking SBE status must complete and submit the **Targeted Business Certification Application** to the City of Madison Affirmative Action Division by the time and date established for receipt of bids. A copy of the Targeted Business Certification Application is available by contacting the Contract Compliance Officer at the address and telephone indicated in Section 2.2 or you may access the Targeted Business Certification Application online at www.cityofmadison.com/civil-rights/contract-compliance/targeted-business-enterprise-programs/targeted-business-enterprise. Submittal of the Targeted Business Certification Application by the time specified does not guarantee that the applicant will be certified as a SBE eligible to be utilized towards meeting the SBE goal for this project.

2.4 Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report

2.4.1 Good Faith Efforts

Bidders shall take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that SBEs are utilized when possible and that the established SBE goal for this project is achieved. A contractor who self performs a portion of the work, and is pre-qualified to perform that category of work, may subcontract that portion of the work, but shall not be required to do so. When a bidder is unable to achieve the established SBE goal, the bidder must demonstrate that a good faith effort to do so was made. Such a good faith effort should include the following:

- 2.4.1.1 Attendance at the pre-bid meeting.
- 2.4.1.2 Using the City of Madison's directory of certified SBEs to identify SBEs from which to solicit bids.
- 2.4.1.3 Assuring that SBEs are solicited whenever they are potential sources.
- 2.4.1.4 Referring prospective SBEs to the City of Madison Affirmative Action Division for certification.
- 2.4.1.5 Dividing total project requirements into smaller tasks and/or quantities, where economically feasible, to permit maximum feasible SBE participation.
- 2.4.1.6 Establishing delivery schedules, where requirements permit, which will encourage participation by SBEs.
- 2.4.1.7 Providing SBEs with specific information regarding the work to be performed.
- 2.4.1.8 Contacting SBEs in advance of the deadline to allow such businesses sufficient time to prepare a bid.
- 2.4.1.9 Utilizing the bid of a qualified and competent SBE when the bid of such a business is deemed reasonable (i.e. 5% above the lowest bidder), although not necessarily low.
- 2.4.1.10 Contacting SBEs which submit a bid, to inquire about the details of the bid and confirm that the scope of the work was interpreted as intended.
- 2.4.1.11 Completion of Cover Page (page C-6), Summary Sheet (page C-7) and SBE Contact Reports (pages C-8 and C9) if applicable.

2.4.2 Reporting SBE Utilization and Good Faith Efforts

The Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report is to be submitted by the bidder with the bid: This report is due by the specified bid closing time and date. Bids submitted without a completed SBE Compliance Report as outlined below may be deemed non-responsible and the bidder ineligible for award of this contract. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary contained herein, the City may exercise its discretion to allow bidders to correct or supplement submissions after bid opening, if the minor discrepancy, bid irregularity or omission is insignificant and not one related to price, quality, quantity, time of completion, performance of the contract, or percentage of SBE utilization.

- 2.4.2.1 If the Bidder meets or exceeds the goal established for SBE utilization, the Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report shall consist of the following:
 - 2.4.2.1.1 **Cover Page**, Page C-6; and
 - 2.4.2.1.2 **Summary Sheet**, C-7.
- 2.4.2.2 If the bidder does not meet the goal established for SBE utilization, the Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report shall consist of the following:
 - 2.4.2.2.1 **Cover Page**, Page C-6;
 - 2.4.2.2.2 **Summary Sheet**, C-7; and
 - 2.4.2.2.3 **SBE Contact Report**, C-8 and C-9. (A separate Contact Report must be completed for each applicable SBE which is not utilized.)

2.5 Appeal Procedure

A bidder which does not achieve the established goal and is found non-responsible for failure to demonstrate a good faith effort to achieve such goal and subsequently denied eligibility for award of contract may appeal that decision to the Small Business Enterprises Appeals Committee. All appeals shall be made in writing, and shall be delivered to and received by the City Engineer no later than 4:30 PM on the third business day following the bidder's receipt of the written notification of ineligibility by the Affirmative Action Division Manager. Postmark not acceptable. The notice of appeal shall state the basis for the appeal of the decision of the Affirmative Action Division Manager. The Appeal shall take place in accordance with Madison General Ordinance 33.54.

2.6 SBE Requirements After Award of the Contract

The successful bidder shall identify SBE subcontractors, suppliers and vendors on the subcontractor list in accordance with the specifications. The Contractor shall submit a detailed explanation of any variances between the listing of SBE subcontractors, vendors and/or suppliers on the subcontractor list and the Contractor's SBE Compliance Report for SBE participation.

No change in SBE subcontractors, vendors and/or suppliers from those SBEs indicated in the SBE Compliance Report will be allowed without prior approval from the Engineer and the Affirmative Action Division. The contractor shall submit in writing to the City of Madison Affirmative Action Division a request to change any SBE citing specific reasons which necessitate such a change. The Affirmative Action Division will use a general test of reasonableness in approving or rejecting the contractor's request for change. If the request is approved, the Contractor will make every effort to utilize another SBE if available.

The City will monitor the project to ensure that the actual percentage commitment to SBE firms is carried out.

2.7 SBE Definition and Eligibility Guidelines

A Small Business Enterprise is a business concern awarded certification by the City of Madison. For the purposes of this program a Small Business Enterprise is defined as:

- A. An independent business operated under a single management. The business may not be a subsidiary of any other business and the stock or ownership may not be held by any individual or any business operating in the same or a similar field.

In determining whether an entity qualifies as a SBE, the City shall consider all factors relevant to being an independent business including, but not limited to, the date the business was established, adequacy of its resources for the work in which it proposes to involve itself, the degree to which financial, equipment leasing and other relationships exist with other ineligible firms in the same or similar lines of work. SBE owner(s) shall enjoy the customary incidents of ownership and shall share in the risks and profits commensurate with their enjoyment interests, as demonstrated by an examination of the substance rather than form or arrangements that may be reflected in its ownership documents.

- B. A business that has averaged no more than \$4.0 million in annual gross receipts over the prior three year period and the principal owner(s) do not have a personal net worth in excess of \$1.32 million.

Firm and/or individuals that submit fraudulent documents/testimony may be barred from doing business with the City and/or forfeit existing contracts.

SBE certification is valid for one (1) year unless revoked.

SECTION D: SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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It is the intent of these Special Provisions to set forth the final contractual intent as to the matter involved and shall prevail over the Standard Specifications and plans whenever in conflict therewith. In order that comparisons between the Special Provisions can be readily made, the numbering system for the Special Provisions is equivalent to that of the Specifications.

Whenever in these Specifications the term “Standard Specifications” appears, it shall be taken to refer to the City of Madison Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction and Supplements thereto.

SECTION 102.1: PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Prior to beginning work on the contract, any combination of the General Contractor and subcontractor must be prequalified in category 262 Playground Installer. Allowable combinations are as follows:

- 1) General Contractor (bidder) is presently pre-qualified in Categories 240 Grading and Earthwork and 262 Playground Installer.
- 2) General Contractor (bidder) is presently pre-qualified in Category 240 and his/her subcontractor is prequalified in Category 262 Playground Installer.
- 3) General Contractor (bidder) is presently pre-qualified in Category 240 Grading and Earthwork and his/her subcontractor becomes prequalified in Category 262 Playground Installer by November 13, 2025.
- 4) General Contractor (bidder) is presently pre-qualified in Category 240 Grading and Earthwork and becomes pre-qualified in Category 262 Playground Installer by November 13, 2025.

All bidders and subcontractors should become familiar with the requirements to become prequalified, if bidding under #3 and #4 above. The Technical Requirements to meet for Category 262 Playground Installer are listed at the end of this specification. If bidding under #3 above, the General Contractor shall provide the name of the respective sub-contractor that will be attempting to become prequalified. This submittal shall be made within two (2) working days of bid opening, to Project Manager Brian Kowalski (608-243-2848) or bkowalski@cityofmadison.com at the City of Madison – Parks Division

PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY #262 PLAYGROUND INSTALLER:

The scope of the installation at the 2026 Playgrounds – Set 1 requires extensive knowledge in the installation of playground equipment. The Contractor in this category must have experience with installation of playground equipment of similar scope and scale to the work described in the plans and specifications.

A resumé of qualifications shall be submitted to determine if the Contractor performing the work will be prequalified under Category #262, Playground Equipment Installer.

To become prequalified in this Category, the Contractor must have prior playground equipment installation experience.

Along with the Prequalification application, the Contractor shall submit the following:

1. Provide a minimum of three (3) projects that include installation of playground equipment and playground safety surfacing and have employed personnel that will also be used on this project.
2. Provide three (3) references who can attest to the work performed on the projects cited above.
3. Proof of certification(s) and/or training by manufacturer(s) of playground equipment.

Submission of the above information does not constitute qualification. Qualification may be denied for other portions of the prequalification application.

SECTION 102.11: BEST VALUE CONTRACTING

This Contract shall be considered a Best Value Contract if the Contractor's bid is equal to or greater than \$76,500 for a single trade contract; or equal to or greater than \$373,000 for a multi-trade contract pursuant to MGO 33.07(7).

ARTICLE 104: SCOPE OF WORK

This project consists of installation of new playground equipment and/or nature play features, benches, playground safety surfacing, underdrain, asphalt paths and associated sitework at four (4) City of Madison park locations including Kennedy Park, Ontario Park, Sandburg Park, and Skyview Park.

The Contractor shall view the sites prior to bidding to become familiar with the existing conditions. The Contractor shall work with the existing utilities to resolve conflicts during the construction process.

The design and ordering of the park playground equipment and benches is excluded from the scope of this work.

SECTION 104.4: INCREASED OR DECREASED QUANTITIES

It is agreed and understood that the quantities of any items of work shown on the plans or in the proposal are subject to increase or decrease during the progress of the work. The Engineer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities of any items of work, including increase or decrease of quantities by alteration of plans, as may be considered necessary or desirable during the progress of the work to satisfactorily complete the project. Such increases or decreases in quantities shall not be considered as a waiver of any conditions of the contract nor invalidate any of the provisions thereof. All terms of Section 104.5 Increased Items and Section 104.6 Decreased and Deleted Items of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction are applicable to this project.

SECTION 105.1: AUTHORITY OF THE ENGINEER

The Engineer shall resolve all questions which arise as to the quality and acceptability of materials furnished, work performed, manner of performance, rate of progress of the work, interpretation of the plans and Specifications, acceptable fulfillment of the contract, compensation, and disputes and mutual rights between Contractors under the Specifications. The Engineer shall determine the amount and quantity of work performed and materials furnished.

All decisions of the Engineer shall, when so requested, be rendered in writing. They shall be final and conclusive in all matters unless within ten (10) days after such decision the Contractor applies in writing to the Board of Public Works for a review of such decision.

Any change proposed by a Contractor in SBE subcontractors, vendors or suppliers from those SBEs indicated on the SBE Compliance Report must be approved by the Engineer and the City's Manager of the Affirmative Action Division (hereafter, AAD). When requested, such decision shall be rendered in writing. Such decisions shall be final and conclusive in all matters unless within ten (10) days after such decision the Contractor or the affected SBE applies in writing to the Board of Public Works for a review of such decision.

In the event the Engineer and the AAD disagree over the proper decision to be made regarding an SBE, the Mayor shall appoint a third person to resolve the disagreement, within 30 days of appointment. The decision thus rendered may be reviewed by the Board of Public Works upon request of the Contractor or the affected SBE as set forth in Sections 105.1 and 105.2 of the City's standard specifications.

SECTION 105.9: SURVEYS, POINTS, AND INSTRUCTION

The Contractor shall be responsible for setting all lines and/or grades required to complete the work.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Brian Kowalski at the Parks Division at bkowalski@cityofmadison.com or (608) 243-2848.

SECTION 105.12: COOPERATION BY CONTRACTOR

The Contractor shall be required to contact the City of Madison Playground Construction Inspector Andy Peters at (608) 220-6501 to remove existing play equipment least seven (7) business days in advance of starting construction.

Utilities may exist on site. The Contractor shall perform a One Call through Digger's Hotline for each site at least three days prior to beginning construction.

The Contractor shall secure materials at the end of each work day to deter any potential vandalism and theft.

The Contractor shall attend a pre-construction meeting prior to the start of construction. The City may determine that this meeting shall be held via remote conferencing and will provide a method to remote conference the preconstruction meeting if necessary.

The Contractor warrants that its services are performed, within the limits prescribed by the City, with the usual thoroughness and competence of the consulting profession; in accordance with the standard for professional services at the time those services are rendered. The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of the work performed under this Agreement and shall promptly make necessary revisions or corrections resulting from their negligent acts, errors or omissions without additional compensation. The Contractor shall be responsible for any damages incurred as a result of their errors, omissions, or negligent acts and for any losses or costs to repair or remedy construction.

The Contractor shall take care when accessing the site not to damage the existing utilities, concrete curb, sidewalk or asphalt pavement. Any damage shall be repaired by the Contractor per the Standard Specifications and considered incidental to this contract.

The Contractor shall contact Andy Peters, Playground Construction Inspector (608) 220-6501 each day to inform the Playground Construction Inspector the location of the day's proposed playground construction.

SECTION 105.13: ORDER OF COMPLETION

The Contractor shall submit to the City a detailed schedule at or prior to the preconstruction meeting showing the sequence and anticipated dates of all playground installation operations for each location.

SECTION 107.13: TREE PROTECTION SPECIFICATIONS

The Contractor is advised to review Article 107.13 of the Standard Specifications for tree protection.

The intent of this design is to minimize the damage to those trees that remain following construction. Trees that must be protected are designated on the plans. It is recognized that grading operations and root cutting of some trees will need to occur within 5 feet of trees in order to complete the work, and care must be taken in these areas. For trees where construction operations, including grading, stone placement, filling, etc. occur within 5 feet of the trunk, construction operations near these trees shall be done under the supervision of a City of Madison Forestry Representative.

Roots shall be cut cleanly by using a saw, ax, lopping shears, chain saw, stump grinder, or other means which will produce a clean cut. Exposed roots shall be covered as soon as excavation and installation are complete. All roots over one (1) inch in diameter that are damaged shall be cleanly cut immediately back of the damaged section on the same day of the excavation. The Contractor shall not rip or pull roots out towards the trunk of a tree while excavating with a backhoe. The use of a backhoe to cut roots is NOT acceptable.

SECTION 108.2: PERMITS

The following permits have been applied for by the City of Madison for each applicable playground site:

1. City of Madison Erosion Control Permit

The Contractor shall meet the conditions of all permits and must keep a copy of each individual permit on site at all times throughout construction.

The Contractor shall note that street sweeping shall be incidental to this contract and will not be paid as a separate bid item. The Contractor is responsible for cleaning any material tracked into street.

The Contractor shall meet the conditions of the permits including properly installing and maintaining the erosion control measures shown on the plans, specified in these special provisions, or as directed by the Engineer or his designees.

The City's obtaining these permits is not intended to be exhaustive of all permits that may be required to be obtained by the Contractor for construction of this project. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to identify and obtain any other permits needed for construction.

SECTION 109.2: PROSECUTION OF THE WORK

Work cannot start on this contract until after the "Start to Work" letter has been received. Construction work must begin within seven (7) calendar days after the date appearing on the mailed notice to do so that was sent to the Contractor. Construction work shall be carried at a rate so as to secure full completion within the contract times outlined in Section 109.7, the rate of progress and the time of completion being essential conditions of this Agreement. Definite notice of intention to start work shall be given to the Engineer at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of beginning work.

The fixed, agreed upon, liquidated damages for failure to complete all work within the contract, unless otherwise specified in this section, shall be calculated in accordance with Article 109 of the Standard Specifications. The Contractor shall limit workdays from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday - Friday, unless approved by the Engineer in writing.

SECTION 109.7: TIME OF COMPLETION

The Contractor shall begin work on the 2026 Playground – Set 1 contract on or before April 25, 2026 and shall be completed by August 14, 2026.

SECTION 110.1: MEASUREMENT OF QUANTITIES

All bid items listed in the proposal page will be paid for at the quantity listed in the proposal page and will not be measured in the field unless otherwise indicated in these special provisions, or there is a significant change approved by the Engineer. A significant change shall be considered more than a 30% change in quantities.

Items listed as "Undistributed" on the proposal page shall only be paid if determined necessary by the Engineer and shall be measured in the field by the Engineer.

BID ITEM 10911 - MOBILIZATION

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all costs associated with mobilization of the Contractor to each playground location. Parking of equipment, storage of materials and staging shall be allowed within project limits as shown on plans. The Contractor may only enter the construction site through the construction entrance as shown on the plans. THE CONTRACTOR MAY NOT DRIVE OR STORE EQUIPMENT ON ANY PORTION OF THE PARK OUTSIDE THE CONSTRUCTION LIMITS UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON PLANS OR DIRECTED IN THE FIELD.

The Contractor is responsible for restoration of any damage to the site due to construction.

BID ITEM 20101 – EXCAVATION CUT

DESCRIPTION

Excavation Cut shall consist of the loosening, loading, hauling and disposal of all materials, except the existing pea gravel playground surfacing which shall be paid for under BID ITEM 20104 – EXCAVATION CUT – PEA GRAVEL / RUBBER MIX. Excavation cut shall be in accordance with Article 201 of the Standard Specifications.

The excavation quantities for this contract have been calculated by subtracting digital terrain models of the existing and proposed surfaces and sub surfaces within the different material areas. Cut (in place quantities) and fill have been estimated from these models. Cut and fill quantities have been determined based on an estimated existing playground surface depth of 17". No shrinkage factor has been applied to fill quantities to estimate net volume. The Contractor is responsible to review attached earthwork calculations. Three-dimensional AutoCAD Civil 3D (.dwg) files containing the digital terrain models used for the earthwork calculations are available. Additional excavation may be necessary if existing playground surfacing is greater than seventeen (17) inches. The Contractor shall notify the Engineer prior to excavation and removal of playground surfacing beyond seventeen (17) inches.

The proposal quantity was computed by AutoCAD Civil 3D surface data volume computations and the assumptions listed above. Adjustments were made for topsoil assuming excavation of six (6) inches of existing topsoil, placement of six (6) inches of proposed topsoil and placement of fourteen (14) of playground surfacing.

Excess excavated material deemed unusable shall be disposed of at a suitable location determined by the Contractor at no additional cost to the City of Madison.

Suitable materials (to be determined by the Engineer) may be reused as fill within the project limits. Placement of these fill materials shall be considered incidental to this bid item and shall not be compensated separately. All double handling and subsoil placement is included in this bid item.

Any additional undercut required due to field conditions shall be paid for at the Excavation Cut unit bid price.

Test rolling for undercut determination is required at all playground sites and is incidental to this bid item.

Final playground subgrade must be within +/- 1". The Contractor shall contact the Engineer to proof subgrade prior to installation of fabric over playground subgrade.

Contractor to note all excavated areas shall be filled at the end of each work day. No excavated areas shall be "open" during non-work hours.

BID ITEM 20104 – EXCAVATION CUT - PEA GRAVEL / RUBBER MIX

DESCRIPTION

Excavation Cut – Pea Gravel / Rubber Mix shall consist of the loosening, loading, hauling and disposal of the existing pea gravel and recycled rubber tire playground surfacing as identified on the plans per Article 202 of the Standard Specifications.

The excavation quantities for this contract have been calculated by subtracting digital terrain models of the existing and proposed surfaces and sub surfaces within the different material areas. Cut (in place quantities) and fill have been estimated from these models. Cut and fill quantities have been determined based on an estimated existing playground surface depth of 17 inches. No shrinkage factor has been applied to fill quantities to estimate net volume. The Contractor is responsible to review attached earthwork calculations. Three-dimensional AutoCAD Civil 3D (.dwg) files containing the digital terrain models used for the earthwork calculations are available.

The proposal quantity was computed by AutoCAD Civil 3D surface data volume computations and the assumptions listed above. Adjustments were made for excavation of seventeen (17) inches of existing playground surfacing.

Excess material shall be disposed offsite at a location to be determined and provided by the Contractor at no extra cost to the City. Double handling and stockpiling pea gravel is included in this bid item. Contractor to note all excavated areas shall be filled at the end of each work day. No excavated areas shall be “open” during non-work hours.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Excavation Cut – Pea Gravel / Rubber Mix within the limits shown on the plans shall be measured by the cubic yard quantity as listed in the proposal page without measurement thereof.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Excavation Cut – Pea Gravel / Rubber Mix shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, labor, tools, equipment, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 20130 - UNDERDRAIN

DESCRIPTION

This work shall include all labor, equipment, materials, and incidentals required to install and connect four-inch perforated pipe underdrain with mitered end cap / opening at daylight area, wrapped, including open graded base course and filter fabric sock as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer.

All costs associated with the construction of the underdrain, as shown on the plans or as directed by the Engineer, shall be considered incidental to this item including stone, pipe, fabric and excavation cut. The work involved with the placement of the perforated pipe shall be in accordance with Sections 612 and 645 of the latest edition of the Standard Specifications for Highway and Structure Construction of the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation.

Flexible drain pipe will not be allowed.

When installing the underdrain system the Contractor shall maintain an 18” minimum clearance from playground equipment footings.

The Contractor shall be responsible for staking horizontal and vertical alignment of drain tile

BID ITEM 20140 – GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE SAS (NON WOVEN)

DESCRIPTION

Work under this bid item shall include all necessary work, labor and incidentals required to install Geotextile Fabric Type SAS Non Woven between the proposed subgrade/underdrain and the playground surfacing.

Geotextile fabric shall have a minimum 4 oz/sy fabric strength.

Overlap and staple pattern shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, or as modified or approved in the field to accommodate the underlying play equipment. The Contractor shall provide to the City the manufacturer's recommended staple pattern.

BID ITEM 20202 – FILL BORROW

DESCRIPTION

This item shall include all necessary work, labor and incidentals required to import and distribute fill to meet proposed subgrades. Fill shall comply with material described in Article 202 of the Standard Specifications.

The fill quantities for this contract have been computed by AutoCAD Civil 3D surface data volume. Adjustments were made for topsoil assuming excavation of six (6) inches of existing topsoil, excavation of seventeen (17) inches of existing playground surfacing, placement of six (6) inches of proposed topsoil, and placement of fourteen (14) inches of playground surfacing.

Distribution of fill made available through excavation cut shall be incidental to BID ITEM 20101 EXCAVATION CUT.

Double handling, stockpiling and placing fill is included in this bid item.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Fill Borrow within the limits shown on the plans shall be measured by the cubic yard quantity as listed in the proposal page without measurement thereof.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Fill Borrow shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, labor, tools, equipment, disposal, and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 20217 – CLEAR STONE

DESCRIPTION

This item shall include the quantity of clear stone required for the construction entrance per BID ITEM 21011 – CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE and does not include stone for construction of the underdrain. Stone required for construction of the underdrain shall be incidental to BID ITEM 20130 – UNDERDRAIN.

BID ITEM 20221 - TOPSOIL

DESCRIPTION

This item shall include all necessary work, labor and incidentals required to distribute, dispose and/or place topsoil to meet proposed grades. Topsoil shall comply with Article 202 of the Standard Specifications.

Stripped topsoil can be stockpiled on site within the construction fence boundary. Stripped topsoil quantities are identified in the Plans under Design Calculations and in the proposal page.

The topsoil quantities for this contract have been computed by AutoCAD Civil 3D surface data volume computations and the assumptions listed above. Adjustments were made for topsoil assuming excavation of six (6) inches of existing topsoil, seventeen (17) inches of existing playground surfacing, and placement of six (6) inches of proposed topsoil. Any additional topsoil material required beyond quantities available through stripped topsoil are included in the quantities for this bid item. The below topsoil quantities are provided for the Contractor's general reference only. The Contractor shall provide any additional topsoil required to complete the work based on bid tab quantities. Additional topsoil material beyond quantities available through stripped topsoil are incidental to this bid item.

Excess topsoil shall be disposed offsite at a location to be determined and provided by the City at no extra cost to the City or shall be used as import. The location shall be within the City of Madison. Double handling, stockpiling and placing topsoil is included in this bid item.

Contractor to note - the City of Madison - Parks Division is to be called to inspect and approve the finish grade prior to seeding and mulching.

BID ITEM 20701 – TERRACE SEEDING

DESCRIPTION

This work shall consist of preparing seed beds, furnishing and sowing the required seed, furnishing and applying the required stabilizers, fertilizer, and mulching material on all disturbed areas including areas damaged by construction activities, in accordance with Article 207 of the Standard Specifications. Seed mixture shall be either in whole, or a mixture of the City of Madison sun terrace mix and shade terrace mix applied appropriately based on shady and sunny areas of the site.

Since construction is limited to within the construction fence, no additional compensation shall be given for seeding quantities beyond what is specified in this contract.

Contractor to note – the City of Madison – Parks Division shall be called to inspect and approve the finish grade prior to seeding and mulching.

Contractor is responsible for obtaining seed bed germination per Article 207 of the Standard Specifications, regardless of site conditions.

BID ITEM 21017 - SILT SOCK (8 INCH) - COMPLETE

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor, and incidentals required to install, maintain and remove silt sock at locations shown on the plans and around any subsoil/topsoil staging piles and to install, maintain and remove additional undistributed silt sock as a precautionary measure to address emergency erosion control.

An additional 100 linear feet of silt sock has been added to each project for undistributed silt sock.

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor, and incidentals required to install, maintain and remove silt sock at locations shown on the plans and around any subsoil/topsoil staging piles and to install, maintain and remove additional undistributed silt sock as a precautionary measure to address emergency erosion control.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Silt Sock (8 Inch) - Complete shall be measured per linear foot as described above.

BID ITEM 21061 - EROSION MATTING, CLASS I URBAN TYPE A

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor and incidentals necessary to install Erosion Matting, Class I Urban Type A on all seeded disturbed areas as noted in the plans.

The Class and Type requirements match those of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Product Acceptability List (PAL) nomenclature. Products listed in the PAL as Class I Urban Type A are all 100 percent biodegradable, and therefore do not need to be designated ORGANIC.

Work under this bid item shall be as set forth in the latest edition of the Standard Specifications, except the Contractor shall note that special care with anchorage devices shall be required so as to not injure park users. Anchorage devices for the mat are required to be a product identified on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Erosion Control Product Acceptability List (PAL) under the category of "Anchoring Devices for Class I, Urban Erosion Mat."

Anchorage devices shall be completely biodegradable. Photobiodegradable or metal anchorage devices shall not be allowed. Materials deemed to present a hazard from splintering or spearing shall not be approved, including solid wood devices.

Erosion Matting, Class I Urban Type A shall be installed correctly with correct anchorage, staple pattern, and overlap. To verify the staple pattern, the Contractor shall provide to the Engineer a manufacturer's recommended staple pattern for the type of matting installed.

Trimming of the Erosion Matting, Class I Urban Type A required to accommodate existing tree locations shall be considered incidental to this bid item.

BID ITEM 40102 – CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE GRADATION NO. 2

DESCRIPTION

Work under this bid item shall include all work, materials, labor and incidentals necessary for the Contractor to install nine (9) inches of Crushed Aggregate Base Course Gradation No. 2 for asphalt path construction.

All aggregate base course shall extend six (6) inches beyond the proposed pavement edge and shall have three (3) inches of topsoil and terrace seed over the extended gravel base to be paid for under BID ITEM 20221 – TOPSOIL and 20701 – TERRACE SEEDING for all paved paths, except for where the path extends into the playground.

The Contractor shall contact the City of Madison – Parks Division at least 48 hours prior to proof subgrade elevations prior to paving.

BID ITEM 90000 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION

This bid item shall be required to be performed by Contractor pre-qualified for playground installation (Prequalification Category# 262).

All play equipment **will be purchased by the City of Madison** and ordered for delivery from the vendors to the Contractor's pre-determined receiving location. The Contractor shall provide equipment and labor for off-loading, loading, and trucking as needed. Contractor is responsible for securing all deliveries received at its location and insuring the completeness of all orders prior to installation. Contractor is

required to inspect all deliveries received for damage and shall notify the Engineer when materials have been received and inspected. Inspection by the Contractor shall occur upon delivery. If materials are found to have been damaged upon delivery to Contractor, Contractor shall inform vendor and provide photographs of damage, and, if necessary, store the materials at the receiving location. If the materials are damaged after delivery to Contractor but before installation is complete, Contractor shall be responsible for securing replacement materials.

The Contractor shall contact the City of Madison – Parks Division within three (3) working days of receipt of the playground equipment to confirm equipment matches what was specified. Original packing slips from each shipment shall be provided to the Engineer.

The Contractor shall contact the City of Madison Playground Construction Inspector both prior to and after installation of playground equipment to coordinate the exact date for playground installation and to verify completion and correct layout after installation is complete.

All installation of equipment shall adhere and conform to the installation specifications as provided by the playground manufacturers, and shall be further inspected by the City of Madison Playground Construction Inspector and manufacturer following installation. The Contractor is required to make any necessary adjustments to the play equipment installation determined by the City of Madison Playground Construction Inspector to rectify incorrect installation. Actual layout of play system and components to be installed shall comply with that shown in the plans and be confirmed in the field by Andy Peters, the City of Madison Playground Construction Inspector (220-6501) and City of Madison – Parks Division. Please allow 48 hours to schedule.

The playground shall be installed to the correct elevations as specified by the playground manufacturers and installation specifications to meet required elevations based on the finished playground surfacing elevations as shown on the plans.

Appendix A for soil boring information for each park. Both Appendix A is available as a separate downloadable file on Bid Express and shall be considered part of this contract.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Playground Equipment shall be measured by lump sum per each park playground site for the completed work as described above.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Playground Equipment shall be measured as described above and shall be paid at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, tools, equipment, labor, hauling, placement, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description. Playground equipment concrete footing installation, materials and excavation are incidental to this bid item.

BID ITEM 90001 - PLAYGROUND TIMBERS

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor and incidentals necessary for the Contractor to install playground timbers at each project site as shown on the plans.

All playground timbers **will be purchased by the City of Madison** and ordered for delivery from the vendors to the Contractor's pre-determined receiving location. The Contractor shall provide equipment and labor for off-loading, loading, and trucking as needed. Contractor is responsible for securing all deliveries and insuring the completeness of the order prior to installation. Contractor is required to inspect all deliveries received for damage and shall notify the Engineer when materials have been received and inspected. Inspection by the Contractor shall occur upon delivery. If materials are found to have been damaged upon delivery to Contractor, Contractor shall inform vendor and provide photographs of damage, and, if

necessary, store the materials at the receiving location. If the materials are damaged after delivery to Contractor but before installation is complete, Contractor shall be responsible for securing replacement materials.

The Contractor shall contact the City of Madison – Parks Division within three (3) working days of receipt of the playground timbers to confirm equipment matches what was specified. Original packing slips from each shipment shall be provided to the Engineer.

All installation of playground timbers shall adhere and conform to the installation specifications as provided by the manufacturer, and shall be further inspected by the Playground Construction Inspector following installation. Actual layout of playground timbers shall comply with the dimensions shown on the plans and be confirmed in the field by the Playground Construction Inspector. The playground timbers shall be installed at the correct elevations as specified on the plans. The Contractor shall field confirm playground timber placement does not encroach upon the play equipment fall zones as shown in the attached plans.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Playground Timbers shall be measured per each playground timber as listed in the proposal page without measurement thereof.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Playground Timbers shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, tools, equipment, labor, hauling, placement, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 90002 – PLAYGROUND SURFACING - WOOD MULCH

DESCRIPTION

This item shall include all necessary work, labor and incidentals required to load, transport and distribute playground surfacing wood fiber mulch.

All playground surfacing wood fiber mulch shall be provided by the City of Madison. The playground surfacing wood fiber mulch shall be available at the City of Madison Transfer Station, 121 E. Olin Ave. The transfer station's hours of operation are 7:30 am to 2:30 pm, Monday thru Friday, excluding City holidays. The Contractor shall contact Bill Durkin at the City of Madison Streets Department (phone: 608-266-4911) a minimum of seven (7) working days prior to any anticipated dates of the playground surfacing wood fiber mulch pick up. The Contractor shall provide equipment and labor for loading, trucking and off-loading as needed.

The playground surfacing wood fiber mulch shall be installed to the finished elevations as indicated on the plans. Minimum installed depth of playground surfacing wood fiber mulch is fourteen (14) inches.

Double handling, stockpiling and placing playground surfacing wood fiber mulch shall be incidental to this bid item.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Playground Surfacing - Wood Fiber Mulch shall be measured by the cubic yard quantity as listed in the proposal page without measurement thereof.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Playground Surfacing - Wood Fiber Mulch shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, labor, tools, equipment, and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 90003 – REMOVE EXISTING BENCH

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor and incidentals necessary for the Contractor to remove and dispose of an existing park bench and associated concrete slab.

The removed bench and mounting hardware shall be disposed of at a suitable location determined by the Contractor at no additional cost to the City of Madison.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Remove Existing Bench shall be measured per each individual removed bench as listed in the proposal page.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Remove Existing Bench shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, tools, equipment, labor, hauling, placement, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 90004 – REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all materials, labor and incidentals necessary to remove and dispose of the existing playground equipment and footings as indicated in the plans. All materials shall be disposed of offsite in a location to be determined and provided by the Contractor, at no extra cost to the City.

At site where the new equipment is installed in location other than the existing playground, the Contractor shall ensure that the time between the existing equipment removal and new equipment installation shall not exceed 14 calendar days.

Playground safety surface removal shall be paid under Bid Item 20104 Excavation Cut – Pea Gravel/Rubber Mix

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Remove Existing Playground Equipment shall be measured as listed in the proposal page per playground site.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Remove Existing Playground Equipment shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, tools, equipment, labor, hauling, placement, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 90005 – INSTALL BACKED BENCH

DESCRIPTION

Work under this item shall include all work, materials, labor and incidentals necessary for the Contractor to assemble and install Thomas Steele Walden II 6' length backed bench (WDB2-6-RP) as manufactured by Graber Manufacturing, Inc., surface mounted at the locations specified on the plans.

All benches **will be purchased by the City of Madison** and ordered for delivery from the vendor to the Contractor's pre-determined receiving location. The Contractor shall provide equipment and labor for off-loading, loading, and trucking as needed. Contractor is responsible for securing all deliveries and insuring the completeness of the order prior to installation. Contractor is required to inspect all deliveries received for damage and shall notify the Engineer when materials have been received and inspected. Inspection by the Contractor shall occur upon delivery. If materials are found to have been damaged upon delivery to Contractor, Contractor shall inform vendor and provide photographs of damage, and, if necessary, store the materials at the receiving location. If the materials are damaged after delivery to Contractor but before installation is complete, Contractor shall be responsible for securing replacement materials.

The Contractor shall contact the Engineer within three (3) working days of receipt of the benches to confirm equipment matches what was specified. Original packing slips from each shipment shall be provided to the Engineer.

All handling and installation shall be according to manufacturer's specifications. The complete installation specifications shall be included in the shipment of equipment from the vendor.

New benches shall be surface mounted to either a 5'4' or 11'X4', 5" thick concrete slab as specified by the manufacturer's installation instructions and per the plans. Concrete slabs for benches shall be paid for under BID ITEM 30301 – 5 INCH CONCRETE SIDEWALK.

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Install Backed Bench shall be measured per each individual installed bench as listed in the proposal page.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Install Backed Bench shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, materials, tools, equipment, labor, hauling, placement, disposal and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

BID ITEM 90006 – PLAYGROUND SURFACING – PEA GRAVEL

DESCRIPTION

This item shall include all necessary work, labor and incidentals required to load, transport and distribute playground surfacing pea gravel.

The contractor shall provide clean, washed pea gravel stone. The stone shall be sized between 1/8" and 3/8" diameter.

The Contractor shall provide equipment and labor for loading, trucking and off-loading as needed. Contractor is responsible for securing all deliveries and insuring the completeness of the playground surfacing pea gravel order prior to installation. The playground surfacing shall be installed a minimum of twelve (12) inches to account for compaction. Quantities identified in the proposal page have been calculated for installation of twelve (12) inches of pea gravel. Double handling, stockpiling and placing pea gravel shall be incidental to this bid item

METHOD OF MEASUREMENT

Playground Surfacing – Pea Gravel shall be measured by the cubic yard quantity as listed in the proposal page without measurement thereof.

BASIS OF PAYMENT

Playground Surfacing – Pea Gravel shall be measured as described above and shall be paid for at the contract unit price which shall be full compensation for all work, labor, tools, equipment, and incidentals required to complete the work as set forth in the description.

END OF SPECIAL PROVISIONS



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**NOTICE OF ADDENDUM
ADDENDUM 1
CONTRACT NO. 9691
2026 PLAYGROUNDS – SET 1**

Revise and amend the contract document(s) for the above project as stated in this addendum, otherwise, the original document shall remain in effect.

SPECIFICATIONS:

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- ADD – APPENDIX B: PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

ATTACHMENTS:

- ADD - APPENDIX B: PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please acknowledge this addendum on page E1 of the contract documents and/or in Section E: Bidder's Acknowledgement on Bid Express.

Electronic version of these documents can be found on the Bid Express website at:

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If you are unable to download plan revisions associated with the addendum, please contact the Parks office at 608-266-4751 receive the material by another route.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa M. Laschinger".

Lisa Laschinger, Interim Superintendent

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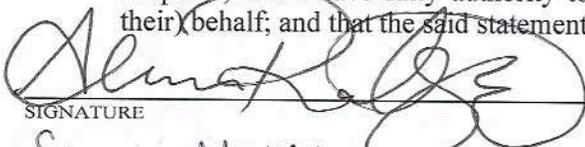
SECTION E: BIDDERS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CONTRACT TITLE 2026 PLAYGROUNDS – SET 1

CONTRACT NO. 9691

Bidder must state a Unit Price and Total Bid for each item. The Total Bid for each item must be the product of quantity, by Unit Price. The Grand Total must be the sum of the Total Bids for the various items. In case of multiplication errors or addition errors, the Grand Total with corrected multiplication and/or addition shall determine the Grand Total bid for each contract. The Unit Price and Total Bid must be entered numerically in the spaces provided. All words and numbers shall be written in ink.

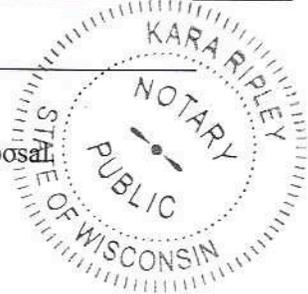
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2. If awarded the Contract, we will initiate action within seven (7) days after notification or in accordance with the date specified in the contract to begin work and will proceed with diligence to bring the project to full completion within the number of work days allowed in the Contract or by the calendar date stated in the Contract.
3. The undersigned Bidder or Contractor certifies that he/she is not a party to any contract, combination in form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce or any other violation of the anti-trust laws of the State of Wisconsin or of the United States, with respect to this bid or contract or otherwise.
4. I hereby certify that I have met the Bid Bond Requirements as specified in Section 102.5. (IF BID BOND IS USED, IT SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON THE FORMS PROVIDED BY THE CITY. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID).
5. I hereby certify that all statements herein are made on behalf of Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc (name of corporation, partnership, or person submitting bid) a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin a partnership consisting of Nate Amble; an individual trading as President; of the City of Madison State of Wisconsin; that I have examined and carefully prepared this Proposal, from the plans and specifications and have checked the same in detail before submitting this Proposal; that I have fully authority to make such statements and submit this Proposal in (its, their) behalf; and that the said statements are true and correct.


 SIGNATURE _____
Support Manager
 TITLE, IF ANY _____

State of Wisconsin
 County of Dane

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 19 day of November, 2025 by Alesha Rodriguez

(Notary Public or other officer authorized to administer oaths)
 My Commission Expires 8/5/2027
 Bidders shall not add any conditions or qualifying statements to this Proposal



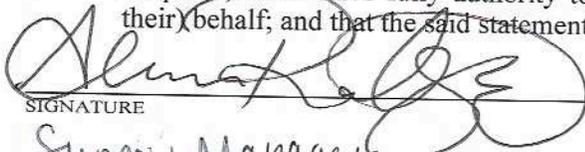
SECTION E: BIDDERS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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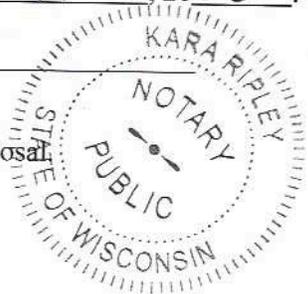
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State of Wisconsin
 County of Dane

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Section F: Best Value Contracting (BVC) Fillable Online Form

Best Value Contracting

1. The Contractor shall indicate the non-apprenticeable trades used on this contract.

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2. Madison General Ordinance (M.G.O.), 33.07(7), does provide for some exemptions from the active apprentice requirement. Apprenticeable trades are those trades considered apprenticeable by the State of Wisconsin. Please check applicable box if you are seeking an exemption.

Contractor has a total skilled workforce of four or less individuals in all apprenticeable trades combined.

No available trade training program; The Contractor has been rejected by the only available trade training program, or there is no trade training program within 90 miles.

Contractor is not using an apprentice due to having a journey worker on layoff status, provided the journey worker was employed by the contractor in the past six months.

First time contractor on City of Madison Public Works contract requests a onetime exemption but intends to comply on all future contracts and is taking steps typical of a "good faith" effort.

Contractor has been in business less than one year.

Contractor doesn't have enough journeyman trade workers to qualify for a trade training program in that respective trade.

An exemption is granted in accordance with a time period of a "Documented Depression" as defined by the State of Wisconsin.

3. The Contractor shall indicate on the following section which apprenticeable trades are to be used on this contract. Compliance with active apprenticeship, to the extent required by M.G.O. 33.07(7), shall be satisfied by documentation from an applicable trade training body; an apprenticeship contract with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development or a similar agency in another state; or the U.S Department of Labor. This documentation is required prior to the Contractor beginning work on the project site.

The Contractor has reviewed the list and shall not use any apprenticeable trades on this project.

LIST APPRENTICABLE TRADES (check all that apply to your work to be performed on this contract)

BRICKLAYER

CARPENTER

CEMENT MASON / CONCRETE FINISHER

CEMENT MASON (HEAVY HIGHWAY)

CONSTRUCTION CRAFT LABORER

DATA COMMUNICATION INSTALLER

ELECTRICIAN

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN / HVAC SERVICE TECH/HVAC INSTALL / SERVICE

GLAZIER

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR / OPERATING ENGINEER

INSULATION WORKER (HEAT and FROST)

IRON WORKER

IRON WORKER (ASSEMBLER, METAL BLDGS)

PAINTER and DECORATOR

PLASTERER

PLUMBER

RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICIAN

ROOFER and WATER PROOFER

SHEET METAL WORKER

SPRINKLER FITTER

STEAMFITTER

STEAMFITTER (REFRIGERATION)

STEAMFITTER (SERVICE)

TAPER and FINISHER

TELECOMMUNICATIONS (VOICE, DATA and VIDEO) INSTALLER-TECHNICIAN

TILE SETTER

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Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report

This information may be submitted electronically through Bid Express or submitted with bid in sealed envelope.

Cover Sheet

Prime Bidder Information

Company:	Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc
Address:	5900 County Rd D, Oregon WI 53575
Telephone Number:	608-835-7700
Fax Number:	608-835-7987
Contact Person/Title:	Nate Amble, President

Prime Bidder Certification

Name:	Nate Amble
Title:	Presiden
Company:	Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc

I certify that the information contained in this SBE Compliance Report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Witness' Signature



Bidder's Signature

11/20/25

Date

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Small Business Enterprise Compliance Report

SBE Contact Report

Submit separate copy of this form for each SBE which you are not able to utilize towards meeting the SBE goal for this project. Attach separate sheets if necessary.

SBE Information

Company:	Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc
Address:	5900 County Hwy D, Oregon, WI 53575
Telephone Number:	608-835-7700
Contact Person/Title:	Nate Amble, President

1. Outline below all efforts to solicit a bid from the above SBE. Include date, means of contact, who from your company made this contact and the result.

SBE is General Contractor

2. Describe the information provided to the aforementioned SBE regarding the scope of work for which he/she was to provide a bid.

SBE is General Contractor

Is this the same scope of work on which the subcontractor you intend to utilize based his/her bid?

Yes No

3. Did this SBE submit a bid?

Yes No

4. Is the General Contractor pre-qualified to self-perform this category of work?

Yes No

5. If you responded "Yes" to Question 3, please check the items below which apply and provide the requested detail. If you responded "No" to Question 3, please skip ahead to item 6 below.

The SBE listed above is unavailable for work on this project for the following reasons. Provide specific detail for this conclusion.

SBE is General Contractor

- The SBE listed above is unqualified for work on this project. Provide specific details for this conclusion.

SBE is General Contractor

- The SBE listed above provided a price that was unreasonable (i.e. more than 5% above the lowest bidder). Provide specific detail for this conclusion including the SBE's price and the price of the subcontractor you intend to utilize.

SBE is General Contractor

- A contract with the SBE listed above may constitute a breach of the bidder's collective bargaining agreements. Provide specific detail for this conclusion including, but not limited to, correspondence from the SBE indicating it will not sign a project labor agreement and/or correspondence from the applicable trade union indicating a project labor agreement will not be allowed at the time of project bidding.

SBE is General Contractor

- Other; please specify reason(s) other than listed above which made it impossible for you to utilize this SBE on this project.

SBE is General Contractor

6. Describe any other good faith efforts:

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Item	Quantity	Price	Extension
Section B: Proposal Page - Kennedy Park			
10911 - MOBILIZATION - LS	1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
20101 - EXCAVATION CUT - CY	60.00	\$30.00	\$1,800.00
20104 - EXCAVATION CUT- PEA GRAVEL/RUBBER MIX - CY	236.00	\$40.00	\$9,440.00
20130 - UNDERDRAIN - LF	356.00	\$16.00	\$5,696.00
20140 - GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE SAS NON WOVEN - SY	567.00	\$3.50	\$1,984.50
20202 - FILL BORROW - CY	501.00	\$20.00	\$10,020.00
20217 - CLEAR STONE - TON	35.00	\$28.00	\$980.00
20221 - TOPSOIL - SY	304.00	\$15.00	\$4,560.00
20701 - TERRACE SEEDING - SY	400.00	\$3.00	\$1,200.00
21011 - CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE - EA	1.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
21017 - SILT SOCK (8 INCH) - COMPLETE - LF	340.00	\$6.25	\$2,125.00
21061 - EROSION MATTING, CLASS I URBAN TYPE A - SY	400.00	\$5.00	\$2,000.00
21302 - CONSTRUCTION FENCE (PLASTIC) - LF	450.00	\$2.50	\$1,125.00
30301 - 5 INCH CONCRETE SIDEWALK - SF	120.00	\$18.00	\$2,160.00
40102 - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE GRADATION NO. 2 - TON	10.00	\$25.00	\$250.00
40202 - HMA PAVEMENT 4 LT 58-28 S - TON	2.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
90000 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - LS	1.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
90001 - PLAYGROUND TIMBERS - EA	73.00	\$15.00	\$1,095.00
90002 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING WOOD MULCH - CY	210.00	\$18.00	\$3,780.00
90003 - REMOVE EXISTING BENCH - EA	2.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
90004 - REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - EA	1.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
90005 - INSTALL BACKED BENCH - EA	3.00	\$200.00	\$600.00
90006 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING PEA GRAVEL - CY	0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Section B: Proposal Page - Skyview Park			
10911 - MOBILIZATION - LS	1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
20101 - EXCAVATION CUT - CY	69.00	\$30.00	\$2,070.00
20104 - EXCAVATION CUT- PEA GRAVEL/RUBBER MIX - CY	153.00	\$40.00	\$6,120.00
20130 - UNDERDRAIN - LF	137.00	\$19.00	\$2,603.00
20140 - GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE SAS NON WOVEN - SY	335.00	\$3.50	\$1,172.50
20202 - FILL BORROW - CY	338.00	\$20.00	\$6,760.00
20217 - CLEAR STONE - TON	35.00	\$28.00	\$980.00
20221 - TOPSOIL - SY	425.00	\$15.00	\$6,375.00
20701 - TERRACE SEEDING - SY	425.00	\$3.00	\$1,275.00
21011 - CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE - EA	1.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
21017 - SILT SOCK (8 INCH) - COMPLETE - LF	280.00	\$6.25	\$1,750.00
21061 - EROSION MATTING, CLASS I URBAN TYPE A - SY	425.00	\$4.00	\$1,700.00
21302 - CONSTRUCTION FENCE (PLASTIC) - LF	400.00	\$2.25	\$900.00
30301 - 5 INCH CONCRETE SIDEWALK - SF	40.00	\$18.00	\$720.00
40102 - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE GRADATION NO. 2 - TON	0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
40202 - HMA PAVEMENT 4 LT 58-28 S - TON	0.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
90000 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - LS	1.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
90001 - PLAYGROUND TIMBERS - EA	62.00	\$15.00	\$930.00
90002 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING WOOD MULCH - CY	128.00	\$18.00	\$2,304.00
90003 - REMOVE EXISTING BENCH - EA	0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
90004 - REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - EA	1.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

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Item	Quantity	Price	Extension
90005 - INSTALL BACKED BENCH - EA	1.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
90006 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING PEA GRAVEL - CY	6.00	\$130.00	\$780.00
Section B: Proposal Page - Sandburg Park			
10911 - MOBILIZATION - LS	1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
20101 - EXCAVATION CUT - CY	336.00	\$25.00	\$8,400.00
20104 - EXCAVATION CUT- PEA GRAVEL/RUBBER MIX - CY	137.00	\$40.00	\$5,480.00
20130 - UNDERDRAIN - LF	174.00	\$17.00	\$2,958.00
20140 - GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE SAS NON WOVEN - SY	324.00	\$3.50	\$1,134.00
20202 - FILL BORROW - CY	72.00	\$30.00	\$2,160.00
20217 - CLEAR STONE - TON	35.00	\$28.00	\$980.00
20221 - TOPSOIL - SY	777.00	\$15.00	\$11,655.00
20701 - TERRACE SEEDING - SY	777.00	\$2.00	\$1,554.00
21011 - CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE - EA	1.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
21017 - SILT SOCK (8 INCH) - COMPLETE - LF	550.00	\$6.50	\$3,575.00
21061 - EROSION MATTING, CLASS I URBAN TYPE A - SY	777.00	\$4.00	\$3,108.00
21302 - CONSTRUCTION FENCE (PLASTIC) - LF	850.00	\$2.25	\$1,912.50
30301 - 5 INCH CONCRETE SIDEWALK - SF	40.00	\$18.00	\$720.00
40102 - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE GRADATION NO. 2 - TON	35.50	\$25.00	\$887.50
40202 - HMA PAVEMENT 4 LT 58-28 S - TON	12.80	\$600.00	\$7,680.00
90000 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - LS	1.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
90001 - PLAYGROUND TIMBERS - EA	50.00	\$15.00	\$750.00
90002 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING WOOD MULCH - CY	119.00	\$18.00	\$2,142.00
90003 - REMOVE EXISTING BENCH - EA	0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
90004 - REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - EA	1.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
90005 - INSTALL BACKED BENCH - EA	1.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
90006 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING PEA GRAVEL - CY	0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Section B: Proposal Page - Ontario Park			
10911 - MOBILIZATION - LS	1.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
20101 - EXCAVATION CUT - CY	72.00	\$30.00	\$2,160.00
20104 - EXCAVATION CUT- PEA GRAVEL/RUBBER MIX - CY	134.00	\$40.00	\$5,360.00
20130 - UNDERDRAIN - LF	194.70	\$16.00	\$3,115.20
20140 - GEOTEXTILE FABRIC TYPE SAS NON WOVEN - SY	106.00	\$3.50	\$371.00
20202 - FILL BORROW - CY	195.00	\$20.00	\$3,900.00
20217 - CLEAR STONE - TON	35.00	\$28.00	\$980.00
20221 - TOPSOIL - SY	346.00	\$15.00	\$5,190.00
20701 - TERRACE SEEDING - SY	200.00	\$3.00	\$600.00
21011 - CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE - EA	1.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
21017 - SILT SOCK (8 INCH) - COMPLETE - LF	330.00	\$6.50	\$2,145.00
21061 - EROSION MATTING, CLASS I URBAN TYPE A - SY	200.00	\$4.00	\$800.00
21302 - CONSTRUCTION FENCE (PLASTIC) - LF	325.00	\$2.50	\$812.50
30301 - 5 INCH CONCRETE SIDEWALK - SF	80.00	\$18.00	\$1,440.00
40102 - CRUSHED AGGREGATE BASE COURSE GRADATION NO. 2 - TON	15.60	\$25.00	\$390.00
40202 - HMA PAVEMENT 4 LT 58-28 S - TON	5.60	\$1,200.00	\$6,720.00
90000 - PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - LS	1.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
90001 - PLAYGROUND TIMBERS - EA	66.00	\$15.00	\$990.00
90002 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING WOOD MULCH - CY	119.00	\$18.00	\$2,142.00

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Item	Quantity	Price	Extension
90003 - REMOVE EXISTING BENCH - EA	0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
90004 - REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT - EA	1.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
90005 - INSTALL BACKED BENCH - EA	2.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
90006 - PLAYGROUND SUFACING PEA GRAVEL - CY	0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
92 Items	Totals		\$266,466.70

SECTION G: BID BOND

LET ALL KNOW BY THESE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, THAT Principal and Surety, as identified below, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Madison, (hereinafter referred to as the "Obligee"), in the sum of five per cent (5%) of the amount of the total bid or bids of the Principal herein accepted by the Obligee, for the payment of which the Principal and the Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that, whereas the Principal has submitted, to the City of Madison a certain bid, including the related alternate, and substitute bids attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof, to enter into a contract in writing for the construction of:

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1. If said bid is rejected by the Obligee, then this obligation shall be void.
2. If said bid is accepted by the Obligee and the Principal shall execute and deliver a contract in the form specified by the Obligee (properly completed in accordance with said bid) and shall furnish a bond for his/her faithful performance of said contract, and for the payment of all persons performing labor or furnishing materials in connection therewith, and shall in all other respects perform the agreement created by the acceptance of said bid, then this obligation shall be void.

If said bid is accepted by the Obligee and the Principal shall fail to execute and deliver the contract and the performance and payment bond noted in 2. above executed by this Surety, or other Surety approved by the City of Madison, all within the time specified or any extension thereof, the Principal and Surety agree jointly and severally to forfeit to the Obligee as liquidated damages the sum mentioned above, it being understood that the liability of the Surety for any and all claims hereunder shall in no event exceed the sum of this obligation as stated, and it is further understood that the Principal and Surety reserve the right to recover from the Obligee that portion of the forfeited sum which exceed the actual liquidated damages incurred by the Obligee.

The Surety, for value received, hereby stipulates and agrees that the obligations of said Surety and its bond shall be in no way impaired or affected by an extension of the time within which the Obligee may accept such bid, and said Surety does hereby waive notice of any such extension.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Principal and the Surety have hereunto set their hands and seals, and such of them as are corporations have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officers, on the day and year set forth below.

Seal PRINCIPAL

Madison Commercial Landscapes, Inc.

Name of Principal

By

Name and Title

11/4/2025

Date

Seal SURETY

Granite Re, Inc.

Name of Surety

By

Samuel Duchow, Attorney-in-fact

Name and Title

11/4/2025

Date

This certifies that I have been duly licensed as an agent for the above company in Wisconsin under National Provider No. 20082843 for the year 2025, and appointed as attorney in fact with authority to execute this bid bond and the payment and performance bond referred to above, which power of attorney has not been revoked.

11/4/2025

Date

Samuel Duchow
Agent Signature

2920 Enloe St. STE 103

Address

Hudson, WI 54016

City, State and Zip Code

(715)377-8230

Telephone Number

NOTE TO SURETY & PRINCIPAL

The bid submitted which this bond guarantees shall be rejected if the following instrument is not attached to this bond:

Power of Attorney showing that the agent of Surety is currently authorized to execute bonds on behalf of the Surety, and in the amounts referenced above.

SECTION H: AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made this 9th day of January in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Six between **Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc.** hereinafter called the Contractor, and the City of Madison, a Wisconsin municipal corporation, hereinafter called the City.

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Madison ("Council") under the provisions of a resolution adopted on **Dec 9, 2025** and by virtue of authority vested in the Council, has awarded to the Contractor the work of performing certain public construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contractor and the City, for the consideration hereinafter named, agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Work.** The Contractor shall, perform the construction, execution and completion of the following listed complete work or improvement in full compliance with the Plans, Specifications, Standard Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, Special Provisions and Agreement; perform all items of work covered or stipulated in the Proposal; perform all altered or extra work; and shall furnish, unless otherwise provided in the contract, all materials, implements, machinery, equipment, tools, supplies, transportation, and labor necessary to the prosecution and completion of the work or improvements:

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2. **Completion Date/Contract Time.** Construction work must begin within seven (7) calendar days after the date appearing on mailed written notice to do so shall have been sent to the Contractor and shall be carried at a rate so as to secure full completion SEE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, the rate of progress and the time of completion being essential conditions of this Agreement.
3. **Contract Price.** The City shall pay to the Contractor at the times, in the manner and on the conditions set forth in said specifications, the sum of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 70/100 (\$266,466.70)** Dollars being the amount bid by such Contractor and which was awarded as provided by law.
4. **A. Non-Discrimination.** During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, religion, marital status, age, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry, income level or source of income, arrest record or conviction record, less than honorable discharge, physical appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity, political beliefs, or student status. The Contractor further agrees not to discriminate against any subcontractor or person who offers to subcontract on this contract because of race, religion, color, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.
B. Affirmative Action. The Contractor agrees that within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this agreement, the Contractor will provide to the City Affirmative Action Division certain workforce utilization statistics, using a form to be furnished by the City.

If the contract is still in effect, or if the City enters into a new agreement with the Contractor, within one year after the date on which the form was required to be provided, the Contractor will provide updated workforce information using a second form, also to be furnished by the City. The second form

will be submitted to the City Affirmative Action Division no later than one year after the date on which the first form was required to be provided.

The Contractor further agrees that, for at least twelve (12) months after the effective date of this contract, it will notify the City Affirmative Action Division of each of its job openings at facilities in Dane County for which applicants not already employees of the Contractor are to be considered. The notice will include a job description, classification, qualifications and application procedures and deadlines, shall be provided to the City by the opening date of advertisement and with sufficient time for the City to notify candidates and make a timely referral. The Contractor agrees to interview and consider candidates referred by the Affirmative Action Division, or an organization designated by the Division, if the candidate meets the minimum qualification standards established by the Contractor, and if the referral is timely. A referral is timely if it is received by the Contractor on or before the date started in the notice.

Articles of Agreement

Article I

The Contractor shall take affirmative action in accordance with the provisions of this contract to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to race, religion, color, age, marital status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin and that the employer shall provide harassment free work environment for the realization of the potential of each employee. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship insofar as it is within the control of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants notices to be provided by the City setting out the provisions of the nondiscrimination clauses in this contract.

Article II

The Contractor shall in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractors state that all qualified or qualifiable applicants will be employed without regard to race, religion, color, age, marital status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.

Article III

The Contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice to be provided by the City advising the labor union or worker's representative of the Contractor's equal employment opportunity and affirmation action commitments. Such notices shall be posted in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

Article V

The Contractor agrees that it will comply with all provisions of the Affirmative Action Ordinance of the City of Madison, including the contract compliance requirements. The Contractor agrees to submit the model affirmative action plan for public works contractors in a form approved by the Affirmative Action Division Manager.

Article VI

The Contractor will maintain records as required by Section 39.02(9)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances and will provide the City Affirmative Action Division with access to such records and to persons who have relevant and necessary information, as provided in Section 39.02(9)(f). The City agrees to keep all such records confidential, except to the extent that public inspection is required by law.

Article VII

In the event of the Contractor's or subcontractor's failure to comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Provisions of this contract or Section 39.03 or 39.02 of the Madison General Ordinances, it is agreed that the City at its option may do any or all of the following:

1. Cancel, terminate or suspend this Contract in whole or in part.
2. Declare the Contractor ineligible for further City contracts until the Affirmative Action requirements are met.
3. Recover on behalf of the City from the prime Contractor 0.5 percent of the contract award price for each week that such party fails or refuses to comply, in the nature of liquidated damages, but not to exceed a total of five percent (5%) of the contract price, or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), whichever is less. Under public works contracts, if a subcontractor is in noncompliance, the City may recover liquidated damages from the prime Contractor in the manner described above. The preceding sentence shall not be construed to prohibit a prime Contractor from recovering the amount of such damage from the non-complying subcontractor.

Article VIII

The Contractor shall include the above provisions of this contract in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontractor as necessary to enforce such provisions, including sanctions provided for noncompliance.

Article IX

The Contractor shall allow the maximum feasible opportunity to small business enterprises to compete for any subcontracts entered into pursuant to this contract. (In federally funded contracts the terms "DBE, MBE, and WBE" shall be substituted for the term "small business" in this Article.)

5. **Substance Abuse Prevention Program Required.** Prior to commencing work on the Contract, the Contractor, and any Subcontractor, shall have in place a written program for the prevention of substance abuse among its employees as required under Wis. Stat. Sec. 103.503
6. **Contractor Hiring Practices.**
Ban the Box - Arrest and Criminal Background Checks. (Sec. 39.08, MGO)

This provision applies to all prime contractors on contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2016, and all subcontractors who are required to meet prequalification requirements under MGO 33.07(7)(l), MGO as of the first time they seek or renew pre-qualification status on or after January 1, 2016. The City will monitor compliance of subcontractors through the pre-qualification process.

- a. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, “Arrest and Conviction Record” includes, but is not limited to, information indicating that a person has been questioned, apprehended, taken into custody or detention, held for investigation, arrested, charged with, indicted or tried for any felony, misdemeanor or other offense pursuant to any law enforcement or military authority.

“Conviction record” includes, but is not limited to, information indicating that a person has been convicted of a felony, misdemeanor or other offense, placed on probation, fined, imprisoned or paroled pursuant to any law enforcement or military authority.

“Background Check” means the process of checking an applicant’s arrest and conviction record, through any means.

- b. **Requirements.** For the duration of this Contract, the Contractor shall:

1. Remove from all job application forms any questions, check boxes, or other inquiries regarding an applicant’s arrest and conviction record, as defined herein.
2. Refrain from asking an applicant in any manner about their arrest or conviction record until after conditional offer of employment is made to the applicant in question.
3. Refrain from conducting a formal or informal background check or making any other inquiry using any privately or publicly available means of obtaining the arrest or conviction record of an applicant until after a conditional offer of employment is made to the applicant in question.
4. Make information about this ordinance available to applicants and existing employees, and post notices in prominent locations at the workplace with information about the ordinance and complaint procedure using language provided by the City.
5. Comply with all other provisions of Sec. 39.08, MGO.

- c. **Exemptions:** This section shall not apply when:

1. Hiring for a position where certain convictions or violations are a bar to employment in that position under applicable law, or
2. Hiring a position for which information about criminal or arrest record, or a background check is required by law to be performed at a time or in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this ordinance, including a licensed trade or profession where the licensing authority explicitly authorizes or requires the inquiry in question.

To be exempt, Contractor has the burden of demonstrating that there is an applicable law or regulation that requires the hiring practice in question, if so, the contractor is exempt from all of the requirements of this ordinance for the position(s) in question.

7. **Choice of Law and Forum Selection.** This Contract shall be governed by and construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The parties agree, for any claim or suit or other dispute relating to this Contract that cannot be mutually resolved, the

venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Wisconsin and the parties agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of said court, to the exclusion of any other judicial district that may have jurisdiction over such a dispute according to any law.

8. **Counterparts, Electronic Signature, and Delivery.** This Contract may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall be taken together as a whole to comprise a single document. Signatures on this Contract may be exchanged between the parties by facsimile, electronic scanned copy (.pdf) or similar technology and shall be as valid as original; and this Contract may be converted into electronic format and signed or given effect with one or more electronic signature(s) if the electronic signature(s) meets all requirements of Wisc. Stat. ch 137 or other applicable Wisconsin or Federal law. Executed copies or counterparts of this Contract may be delivered by facsimile or email and upon receipt will be deemed original and binding upon the parties hereto, whether or not a hard copy is also delivered. Copies of this Contract, fully executed, shall be as valid as an original.

2026 Playgrounds – Set 1

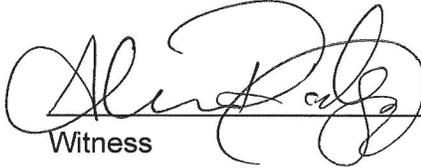
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Contractor has hereunto set his/her hand and seal and the City has caused this contract to be executed by its Mayor and City Clerk on the dates written below.

Countersigned:

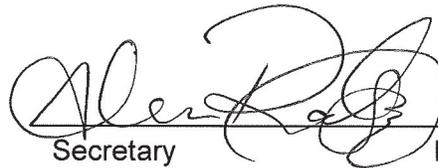
Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc.

Company Name

 _____
Witness Date 12/5/25

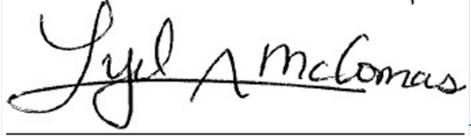
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President Date

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Witness Date

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Secretary Date 12/5/25

CITY OF MADISON

 01/09/2026
Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor Date

 01/06/2026
Lydia A. McComas, City Clerk Date

Provisions have been made to pay the liability that will accrue under this contract.

 01/08/2026
David P Schmiedicke, Finance Director Date

Approved as to form:

 01/09/2026
for Michael Haas, City Attorney Date

Execution of this Agreement by City was authorized by Resolution Enactment No. RES25-00645, ID No. 91020, adopted by the Common Council of the City of Madison on Dec. 12, 2025.

SECTION I: PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND

LET ALL KNOW BY THESE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED, that we **Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc.** as principal, and Granite Re, Inc. Company of _____ as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Madison, Wisconsin, in the sum of **TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 70/100 (\$266,466.70)** Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for the payment of which sum to the City of Madison, we hereby bind ourselves and our respective executors and administrators firmly by these presents.

The condition of this Bond is such that if the above bounden shall on his/her part fully and faithfully perform all of the terms of the Contract entered into between him/herself and the City of Madison for the construction of:

**2026 Playgrounds – Set 1
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in Madison, Wisconsin, and shall pay all claims for labor performed and material furnished in the prosecution of said work, and save the City harmless from all claims for damages because of negligence in the prosecution of said work, and shall save harmless the said City from all claims for compensation (under Chapter 102, Wisconsin Statutes) of employees and employees of subcontractor, then this Bond is to be void, otherwise of full force, virtue and effort.

Signed and sealed this 12th day of December

Countersigned:


Witness

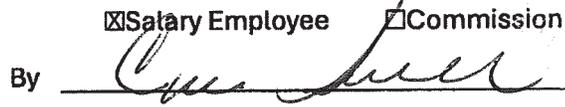
Madison Commercial Landscapes Inc.
Company Name (Principal)


President Seal

Granite Re, Inc.
Surety Seal


Witness, Kaleigh Sansone

Salary Employee Commission

By 
Attorney-in-Fact, Connie Smith

This certifies that I have been duly licensed as an agent for the above company in Wisconsin under National Producer Number 16492915 for the year 2025, and appointed as attorney-in-fact with authority to execute this payment and performance bond which power of attorney has not been revoked.

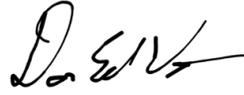
12/04/2025
Date


Agent Signature, Connie Smith

The foregoing Bond has been approved as to form:

01/09/2026

Date



for City Attorney

GRANITE RE, INC.
GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all Men by these Presents:

That GRANITE RE, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MINNESOTA and having its principal office at the City of OKLAHOMA CITY in the State of OKLAHOMA does hereby constitute and appoint:

MICHAEL J. DOUGLAS; CHRIS STEINAGEL; CHRISTOPHER M. KEMP; KARLA HEFFRON; SAMUEL DUCHOW; ROBERT DOWNEY; JULIA DOUGLAS; CONNIE SMITH; KORY MORTEL; ELIOT MOTU its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact(s) for the following purposes, to wit:

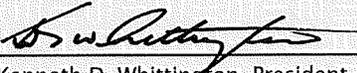
To sign its name as surety to, and to execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, and to respectively do and perform any and all acts and things set forth in the resolution of the Board of Directors of the said GRANITE RE, INC. a certified copy of which is hereto annexed and made a part of this Power of Attorney; and the said GRANITE RE, INC. through us, its Board of Directors, hereby ratifies and confirms all and whatsoever the said:

MICHAEL J. DOUGLAS; CHRIS STEINAGEL; CHRISTOPHER M. KEMP; KARLA HEFFRON; SAMUEL DUCHOW; ROBERT DOWNEY; JULIA DOUGLAS; CONNIE SMITH; KORY MORTEL; ELIOT MOTU may lawfully do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, the said GRANITE RE, INC. has caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal, duly attested by the signatures of its President and Assistant Secretary, this 31st day of July, 2023.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)





Kenneth D. Whittington, President

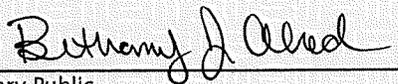


Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary

On this 31st day of July, 2023, before me personally came Kenneth D. Whittington, President of the GRANITE RE, INC. Company and Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary of said Company, with both of whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me severally duly sworn, said, that they, the said Kenneth D. Whittington and Kyle P. McDonald were respectively the President and the Assistant Secretary of GRANITE RE, INC., the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing Power of Attorney; that they each knew the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said Power of Attorney was such corporate seal, that it was so fixed by order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that they signed their name thereto by like order as President and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the Company.

My Commission Expires:
April 21, 2027
Commission #: 11003620





Notary Public

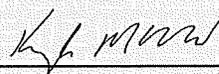
GRANITE RE, INC.
Certificate

THE UNDERSIGNED, being the duly elected and acting Assistant Secretary of Granite Re, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation, HEREBY CERTIFIES that the following resolution is a true and correct excerpt from the July 15, 1987, minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Granite Re, Inc. and that said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

"RESOLVED, that the President, any Vice President, the Assistant Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the Company in the course of its business. On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the Company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has subscribed this Certificate and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this 12th day of December, 2023.





Kyle P. McDonald, Assistant Secretary