

Addendum No.1, RFQF 14-96



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To: Prospective bidders RFQF 14-96, Landscape Architecture Services, Marshall St. Park

From: Alex Nosnik, Assistant Director, Purchasing

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Re: Questions & Answers

Addendum No. 1 to RFQF 14-96

The City is issuing this addendum to IFB 14-96 Landscape Architecture Services, Marshall St. Park, to provide additional information:

****PLEASE BE SURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON BID PRICING PAGE****

- 1. Reminder of Bid Due Date:**
 - Wednesday, 6/18/2014 at 11am

- 2. Questions and Answers:**

Q: Is a full topographic and existing conditions survey, including utilities already available, or is survey to be part of this proposal? If existing, will you be issuing copies for review prior to the submission of the proposal?

A: The consultant is expected to use the 1995 plans for the site. They can be made available in the purchasing office, but we do not have them electronically.

Q: Who is the city's design consultant? If an outside consultant, are they eligible to submit for this scope of work?

A: Per the RFQF, the design is being done in-house through the City's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development.

Q: What will the design consultant's role be during the design development and construction document phase? Will they be involved in the construction administration phase?

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A: Per the RFQF, design development and contact administration are both detailed in the scope of work. Construction Administration is addressed in sections 4.3.4 and 4.4.4 of the RFQF.

Q: Are any preliminary drawings or designs available for review prior to the submission of the proposal?

A: No, the site has not yet been designed. There will not be a change in the programming (it is a refurbishing, not a redesign).

Q: Will a drainage study be required as part of these improvements?

A: Positive drainage will be important to the refurbishing of the park.

Q: Will new or upgraded water services be required as part of these improvements?

A: No.

Q: The RFQF mentions a lighting plan. Is there existing lighting and/or electric service on site?

A: There is no existing lighting, but that may come out of the community process. If it does, and budget allows, we could add minimal, pedestrian scaled lighting.

Q: Has an ADA study been conducted for the existing park? Can this be made available prior to the submission of the proposal?

A: There is a draft study conducted by IHCD, it is attached. It is not comprehensive and does not address site grades.

Q: Is a certified playground inspector required as part of the project team, or will this be handled by the city's consultant as part of the schematic design?

A: If an inspector is deemed necessary, the City would pay for this cost.

Q: Is the \$200,000 grant intended to be the total cost for the design and construction of the project? If not, can you identify the budget established for design versus construction?

A: The \$200,000 will be the total cost for the Construction of the project. It is a renovation of a playground, not a redesign.

Q: Section 1.6.3 of the RFQF refers to addressing other areas (expertise in the economic and fiscal analysis of land uses and infrastructure investment; experience establishing Urban Renewal designs; etc)-is this necessary/relevant for this project?

A: These references are not specific to this project; rather, this is general expertise that we hope that our designer/architects possess on these kinds of projects.

Q: Electrical improvements as well as irrigation design is anticipated as part of the project, so we should include those sub-consultants on our team, correct? Or will they be retained separately by the City?

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A: Yes. They should be included. The budget will determine the existence and/or complexity of these items.

Q: In Section 5.0, the Pricing form, a line item is included for an LSP-is there concern that the site is contaminated and that the services of an LSP are required?

A: No.

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Attachment 1

Draft ADA Report on Marshall St. Park

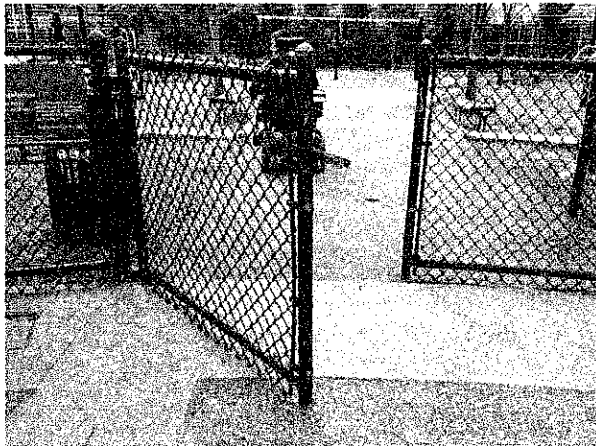


Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Marshall Street Playground

Facility Information

- Location: Marshall Street
- Ward: 4
- Year Built: unknown
- Year Renovated: unknown

Approach & Entrance:

- Pedestrian Crosswalks & Curb Ramps: accessible
- Sidewalks: accessible
- Gates: inaccessible

Circulation:

- Walkways: water pooling areas, uneven surface

Play Areas:

- Playgrounds: provided, not on accessible route

Tables & Seating:

- Benches: 11 provided, 8 not on accessible route, all lack clear space along side
- Picnic tables: Not on accessible route, on uneven ground surface

This playground has a small paved area near the entrance. The rest of playground is dirt covered with wood-chippings, including the locations of the play structure and the majority of the benches. The surfaces under some of the benches and picnic tables have eroded significantly causing uneven ground levels and benches to be two or more feet above the surface.