



THE CITY OF  
**EDINBURG**  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Edinburg is soliciting sealed proposals to be received by the City Secretary's Office located at 415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78541. City of Edinburg normal business days are Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and shall be closed on recognized holidays.

Proposals will be received until **3:00 p.m. Central Time**, on **Monday, December 31, 2012**, shortly thereafter all submitted proposal will be gathered and taken to the Edinburg City Hall Community Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, to be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after the closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to the proposer unopened. It is the responsibility of the proposer to see that any proposal submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the City Secretary's Office prior to the proposal opening date and time. The receiving time in the City Secretary's Office will be the governing time for acceptability of the proposals. Proposals will not be accepted by telephone or facsimile machine. All proposals must bear original signatures and figures. The Proposal shall be for:

**RFP NO. 2013-007  
SLASH PAD**

Bidders receiving a "NOTICE TO BIDDERS" and/or "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS" notice in the mail or reading same in the newspaper are advised that the bidding documents can be downloaded from the City of Edinburg web page address: [www.cityofedinburg.com](http://www.cityofedinburg.com), or may obtain copies of same by contacting the office of:

LORENA FUENTES, PURCHASING AGENT, LOCATED AT 415 W. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, Edinburg, TX 78541 by calling (956) 388-8972 or by e-mailing your request to the following e-mail address: [lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com](mailto:lfuentes@cityofedinburg.com)

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this proposal, please contact Mr. Luis Rodriguez, Director of Community Service, at (956) 381-5631.

Hand-delivering Proposals: 415 West University Drive,  
c/o City Secretary Department (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

If using Land Courier (i.e., FedEx, UPS): City of Edinburg  
c/o City Secretary  
415 West University Drive  
Edinburg, Texas 78541

If Mailing Proposals: City of Edinburg  
c/o City Secretary  
P.O. Box 1079  
Edinburg, TX 78540-1079

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities or technicalities and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the City, and hold the proposals for a period of **60** days without taking action.

Proposals must be submitted in an envelope sealed with tape and prominently marked on the lower left hand corner of the proposal envelope with corresponding proposal number and title.



## INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

### I. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The City of Edinburg (hereinafter referred to as "THE CITY") is seeking proposals from qualified local or area Companies/Firms with an interest in providing goods (hereinafter referred as "SPLASH PAD") to the City of Edinburg.

All proposers must submit copy of insurance and must meet minimum insurance requirements of the City of Edinburg. Failure to adhere or comply with the above general conditions and instructions will cause bid to be rejected.

The City of Edinburg reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities depending on availability of funds and to accept or reject any parts of the proposal.

Sites may be inspected by parties by calling Luis A. Rodriguez at (956)381-5631 for an appointment or tour of facility prior to submitting proposal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The City of Edinburg is requesting that RFP's be routed to: The CITY Secretary, at 415 West University, Edinburg, Texas 78541.

**NON-COLLUSION:** Submitters, by submitting a signed submission, certify that the accompanying submission is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Texas or United States law.

**PROCESSING TIME FOR PAYMENT:** Submitters are advised that a minimum of thirty (30) days is required to process invoices for payment.

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALSS:** The City of Edinburg's City Secretary Department will not accept telegraphic or electronically transmitted submissions.

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:** Submitters must, upon request, furnish satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these requirements. The CITY will make the final determination as to the submitter's ability.

**SUBMITTER DEFAULT:** The City of Edinburg reserves the right, in case of submitter default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting submitter responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

**RESTRICTIVE OR AMBIGUOUS REQUIREMENTS:** It is the responsibility of the submitter to review the Request for Proposals (RFP) packet and to notify the City Secretary Department if the requirements are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the requirements or bidding procedures must be received in the City Secretary Department not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. These criteria also apply to requirements that are ambiguous.

**RFP DELIVERY:** The City of Edinburg requires submitters, when hand-delivering request for proposals to have a The City Secretary Department representative time/date stamp and initial the envelope.

**WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:** THE CITY reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of THE CITY.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):

**SUBCONTRACTING:** The successful submitter may not subcontract the award without the written consent of the City.

**BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY:** It is the responsibility of each vendor before submitting a proposal:

To examine thoroughly the contract documents and other related data identified in the proposal documents.

To visit the site to become familiar with and satisfy vendor as to the general, local, and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance, etc.

To consider federal, state, and local laws and regulations that may affect costs, progress, performance or furnishing of the work.

To study and carefully correlate vendor's knowledge and observations with the contract documents and such other related data.

To promptly notify THE CITY Purchasing of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies which vendor has discovered in or between the contract documents and such other related documents.

**PREPARATION COSTS:** This RFP does not commit THE CITY to enter into a Contract, award any services related to this RFP, nor does it obligate THE CITY to pay any costs incurred in preparation or submission of a submittal or in anticipation of a contract.

**AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:** It is understood and agreed between the parties herein that the agency shall be bound hereunder only to the extent of the funds available or which may hereafter become available for the purpose of this agreement.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:** The required contents and limitations for the preparation of the RFP are described in this section. Failure to provide the requested information or adhere to any of The CITY limitations will result in disqualification of the submitted RFP. A total of **one (1) original and two (2) copies** of the RFP shall be submitted to the address on the cover letter.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Staff may waive insurance requirements for contracts \$0 - \$4,999.99, including but not limited to contracts for food, materials, supplies, and construction. Workers' Compensation in amounts which satisfy statutory coverage shall be required for construction projects.

The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of \$5,000 - \$14,999.99. In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$100,000 per claim.

Minimum Insurance Requirements	
Type of Coverage	Limits of Liability
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Comprehensive General Liability (City named as additional insured) Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits

## INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):

The following insurance requirements will be included in all City contracts of \$15,000 or more.

(1) The successful bidder will be required to carry the following insurance coverage and limits of coverage, as well as list the City as an additional insured to liability coverage as requested by the City. In addition, the successful bidder shall provide the City with evidence of coverage and furnish acceptable proof of payment of insurance premiums.

(2) The successful bidder will be required to secure and/or have insurance coverage in force with an admitted property and casualty insurance company licensed by the State of Texas to conduct business in the State of Texas.

(3) In contracts not involving building and construction projects, as that activity is defined in TEX. LABOR CODE §406.096, contractors may obtain alternative form of worker accident insurance with minimum limits of liability of \$100,000 per claim.

Minimum Insurance Requirements	
Type of Coverage	Limits of Liability
Worker's Compensation	Statutory Coverage
Employer's Liability	Bodily Injury by Accident: \$100,000 each accident  Bodily Injury by Disease: \$100,000 each employee/\$500,000 policy limit
Comprehensive General Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits
Comprehensive Auto Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$100,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits
City's Protective Liability	
Bodily Injury	\$250,000 each person/\$500,000 each occurrence
Property Damage	\$100,000 each occurrence/\$100,000 aggregate or \$500,000 combined single limits

Policies must name the City of Edinburg as an Additional Insured.

Certificates of insurance naming the CITY as an additional insured shall be submitted to the CITY for approval prior to any services being performed by Contractor. Each policy of insurance required hereunder shall extend for a period equivalent to, or longer than the term of the Contract, and any insurer hereunder shall be required to give at least thirty (30) days written notice to the CITY prior to the cancellation of any such coverage on the termination date, or otherwise.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):**

This Contract shall be automatically suspended upon the cancellation, or other termination, of any required policy of insurance hereunder, and such suspension shall continue until evidence that adequate replacement coverage is provided to the CITY. If replacement coverage is not provided within thirty (30) days following suspension of the Contract, the Contract shall automatically terminate.

### **BID BOND INFORMATION**

If the contract amount is over twenty-five-thousand dollars (\$25,000) for **construction or facility improvements**, the successful bidder shall provide a bid guarantee, give a good and sufficient bond in the full amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of such contract, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, in accordance with Article 5160, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes, and amendments thereto. A payment bond in the full amount of the contract price to assure payment shall be required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the project provided for in the contract documents.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):**

### **II. PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

A. RFP Response: In order to be considered for selection, proposers must submit a complete response to this RFP. One (1) original and two (2) copies of each proposal must be submitted to the issuing agency. No other distribution of the proposal shall be made by the proposer.

#### B. Proposal Preparation:

1. Proposals shall be signed by an authorized representative of the proposer. All information requested should be submitted. Failure to submit all information requested may result in the purchasing agency requiring prompt submission of missing information and/or giving a lowered evaluation of the proposal. Proposals which are substantially incomplete or lack key information may be rejected by the purchasing agency. Mandatory requirements are those required by law or regulation or are such that they cannot be waived and are not subject to negotiation.

2. Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis should be placed on completeness and clarity of content.

3. Proposals should be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP. All pages of the proposal should be numbered. Each paragraph in the proposal should reference the paragraph number of the corresponding section of the RFP. It is also helpful to cite the paragraph number, sub letter, and repeat the text of the requirement as it appears in the RFP. If a response covers more than one page, the paragraph number and sub letter should be repeated at the top of the next page. The proposal should contain a table of contents which cross-references the RFP requirements. Information which the proposer desires to present that does not fall within any of the requirements of the RFP should be inserted at an appropriate place or be attached at the end of the proposal and designated as additional material. Proposals that are not organized in this manner risk elimination from consideration if the evaluators are unable to find where the RFP requirements are specifically addressed.

4. As used in this RFP, the terms "must", "shall", "should" and "may" identify the criticality of requirements. "Must" and "shall" identify requirements whose absence will have a major negative impact on the suitability of the proposed solution. Items labeled as "should" or "may" are highly desirable, although their absence will not have a large impact and would be useful, but are not necessary. Depending on the overall response to the RFP, some individual "must" and "shall" items may not be fully satisfied, but it is the intent to satisfy most, if not all, "must" and "shall" requirements. The inability of an Proposer to satisfy a "must" or "shall" requirement does not automatically remove that Proposer from consideration; however, it may seriously affect the overall rating of the Proposers' proposal.

5. Each copy of the proposal should be bound or contained in a single volume where practical. All documentation submitted with the proposal should be contained in that single volume.

C. Oral Presentation: Proposers who submit a proposal in response to this RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to the committee. This provides an opportunity for the proposer to clarify or elaborate on the proposal. This is a fact finding and explanation session only and does not include negotiation. The issuing agency will schedule the time and location of these presentations. Oral presentations are an option of the purchasing agency and may or may not be conducted.

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):**

### **D. Specific Proposal Instructions:**

Proposals should be as thorough and detailed as possible so that the City may properly evaluate your capabilities to provide the required goods/services. Proposers are required to submit the following items as a complete proposal:

1. Return the RFP cover sheet and all addenda acknowledgments, if any, signed and filled out as required.
2. Proposer Data Sheet, included as an attachment to the RFP (Section V of the RFP), and other specific items or data requested in the RFP.
3. Acknowledgment Form, included as an attachment to the RFP (Section V of the RFP), and other specific items or data requested in the RFP
4. A written narrative statement to include:
  - a. Experience in providing the goods/services described herein.
  - b. Names, qualifications and experience of personnel to be assigned to the project.

## **III. SPECIFICATION**

A. The construction of a Recirculating Splash Pad System at Dr. Diaz Park located on Pin Drive and Sprague Street. Splash Pad area shall be approximately 1,400 square feet with 15 – 20 water play structures.

## **IV. EVALUATION AND AWARD CRITERIA:**

The City will use the following criteria to evaluate each proposal:

- A. Quality of Equipment
- B. Play Value
- C. Price
- D. Overall Design
- E. Company's Experience and References

The foregoing criteria will be rated on the following scale:

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| A. Quality of Equipment:                | 1-20 Points |
| B. Play Value:                          | 1-20 Points |
| C. Price:                               | 1-20 Points |
| D. Overall Design:                      | 1-20 Points |
| E. Company's Experience and References: | 1-20 Points |

B. AWARD OF CONTRACT: Selection shall be made of one or more proposers deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposals on the basis of the evaluation factors included in the Request for Proposals, including price, if so stated in the Request for Proposals. Negotiations shall be conducted with the proposers so selected. Price shall be considered, but need not be the sole determining factor. After negotiations have been conducted with each proposer so selected, the agency shall select the proposer which, in its opinion, has made the best proposal, and shall award the contract to that proposer. The City may cancel this Request for Proposals or reject

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS (Continued):**

proposals at any time prior to an award, and is not required to furnish a statement of the reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous. Should the City determine in writing and in its sole discretion that only one proposer is fully qualified, or that one proposer is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, a contract may be negotiated and awarded to that proposer. The award document will be a contract incorporating by reference all the requirements, terms and conditions of the solicitation and the contractor's proposal as negotiated.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

PROPOSER DATA SHEET – TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPOSER

1. **Qualification of Proposer:** The Proposer shall have the capability and capacity in all respects to fully satisfy all of the contractual requirements.

2. **Years in Business:** Indicate the length of time you have been in business providing this type of service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s)

3. **References:** Indicate below a listing of at least five (5) recent references from other Cities or entities as stated in the scope of work for which you have provided this type of service. Include the date service was furnished and the name and address of the person the City has your permission to contact.

CLIENT NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER	TERM OF CONTRACT (Number of Years)

