Columbia County School District
Business Department

October 27, 2026

RE: REQUEST FOR 3 PLAYGROUND PROPOSALS, REQUEST NUMBER TC-11-19-26 A through TC-11-19-26 C.

Dear Bidder,

By the present letter and attached Request, The Columbia County School District (CCSD) is requesting 3 separate proposals for playground equipment and shade structures.

Current schedule:

- Mandatory Pre-bid meetings start November 17, 9:00am
- Proposals due no-later than December 11, 2:00pm at 4781 Hereford farm Road, Evans GA 30809

Payment is net 30 upon completion. Vendor is responsible for all debris removal and site preparation. **Vendors are responsible for all permitting and proper location of utilities. Vendors stating permitting and proper location of utilities not included, may be excluded from consideration.** All installations are to meet or exceed NRPA guidelines, county, state and federal requirements.

Vendors do not have to bid on all requirements. Vendors are encouraged to suggest multiple options and \ or alternatives. All items to be priced out separately. Budget to be discussed at pre-bid meeting. Pricing to be valid through June 30, 2027.

Pre-bid locations to be reviewed November 17, starting 9:00am:

Location # 1 **TC-11-17-26A** Baker Place Elementary, 2011 Hero Way, Grovetown, GA 30813

Location #2 **TC-11-17-26B** Riverside Elementary, 4431 Hardy McManus Road, Evans GA 30809

Location #3 **TC-11-17-26C** Blue Ridge Elementary School, 550 Blue Ridge Pkwy.,Evans GA 30809

Please email Tracey.Chance@CCBOE.net with a cell phone number and point of contact, if you plan to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Details and budgets to be discussed at mandatory pre-bid meeting.

This solicitation is not intended to be nor shall it be construed as being restrictive of any offer that a Bidder may choose to make. Unless stated in the specification, ALL specifications shall be understood to mean "or equal". Where a make and model number is referenced, it shall be understood that it is provided to describe the minimum type and quality of the item being bid and is intended to be descriptive and not restrictive.

DAMAGE RESOLUTION
All damage to school property or vehicles, and injury to anyone on school grounds must be reported immediately to the school principal. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Damage to CCSD property (e.g., Sprinkler heads, broken or cracked windows, sports tracks, signage, fences, gates, etc.) will be repaired and paid by CCSD and then deducted from the successful bidder's invoice amount. An adjustment sheet will be prepared, which will detail the damages and their costs, for the successful bidder's signature.

Damage to private property will be repaired and paid by the successful bidder. Such repair will be coordinated between the successful bidder and Principal for that school.

All bidders must submit a minimum of three references on the attached CCSD Business References Form. References must be for projects/contracts of similar size and scope as that contemplated herein. Failure to provide adequate references may result in disqualification of your proposal.

All bidders are being provided the same time and opportunity to request any additional information or clarification concerning this bid in advance of the specified bid due date and time. Therefore, failure to seek such information or clarification prior to the bid closing shall all be deemed to have been fully asked and answered in advance of the bid closing.

If the bidder feels that insufficient details occur in any specifications, the bidder shall consult with Hudson Chandler at (706) 541-2723 ext. 5108 or by email at Hudson.Chandler@CCBOE.net in advance of specified bid closing date and time to insure timely submission of a bid. Decisions by Hudson Chandler and Principals will be final.

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief: (1) the prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purposes of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other Proposer, or to any competitor or with any officers, agents or employees of the CCSD; and (2) unless otherwise required by Federal or Georgia Law, the prices which have been offered in this proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or to any other competitor; and (3) no attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

Any discussions regarding price with CCSD employees or other bidders prior to the bid opening is expressly forbidden and will result in disqualification of your bid.

REQUIRED BID DOCUMENTS
The following executed bid documents, as a minimum, shall be submitted with your bid or as otherwise specified herein. Failure to provide required bid documents may be deemed to be non-responsive and may result in disqualification of your bid.

- Pricing, detail product description and warranty information
- Business References Form (1-page)
- Delivery schedule based on DARO
- Copy of Playground certification(s) of person verifying safety of bided items (if applicable)
- Proof of General Liability, Workers Compensation and Automotive Insurance as required by bid (within 10-working days following award notification)
- E-verify form (within 10-working days following award notification)
- Signed general contract for services (within 10-working days following award notification)

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Business References Form

Company Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____ **Date:** _____

Number of years Company has operated under present name:_____

<u>References For Similar Goods and/or Services And Approximate Contract Size:</u>

Company or Business Name Address Contact/Telephone Number Business email

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Bid responses that are incomplete or contain less than three (3) business references may not be considered for award.