

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
PURCHASING DIVISION**

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**DATE:** November 27, 2023

**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
Kristin Daniels, Director, Office of Management and Budget

**FROM:** Jennifer Hyde, Purchasing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Award of RFP 2023055 for Replacement of Playgrounds at Treasure Shores, Round Island Oceanside, and Golden Sands Beach Parks

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**BACKGROUND:**

On behalf of the Parks Division, a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) was issued for replacement of the existing playgrounds at Treasure Shores, Round Island Oceanside, and Golden Sands Beach Parks. The RFP requested proposed designs for each of the three parks, at a budget of \$150,000 each, and stated scoring would be primarily based on experience of the firm, and the overall design, uniqueness, and “wow” factor. The final phase of selection was to include a public vote to select the final design for each park.

**DISCUSSION:**

A selection committee comprised of Joe Tilton, Recreation Programs Director, Brad Dewson, Parks Superintendent, Gustavo Vergara, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, and Dan Miehle, Parks Foreman, independently reviewed and scored the received proposals, based on the criteria established in the RFP, with the exception of price, which was submitted separately, and scored by the Purchasing Division. The price score for each proposal was provided at the start of the initial ranking meeting, and each committee member added the number to their scores for the other criteria, to establish a total point score for each proposal.

Each committee member read their ranking of firms, and an initial ranking of firms was established. During the discussions that followed, committee members noted the submitted designs included fewer structures than they had hoped, and did not provide the desired “wow” factor. It was also noted that neither of the proposing firms utilized the full budget for each park.

The committee decided to invite the top ranked proposer to discussions about the project. At the conclusion of the discussions, the top ranked proposer was asked to submit two updated designs per park. The public was invited to vote on the designs via a survey posted to the Recreation Division’s Facebook page from October 17 through October 31, 2023. A total of 417 people voted. Beachland Elementary school students were also invited to vote, with the same playgrounds receiving the most votes in both polls. Images of the selected

designs are attached, and the non-selected designs are available for review in the Purchasing Division.

The costs for each park are based on the Omnia Cooperative Playground and Outdoor Fitness Equipment, Site Accessories, Surfacing, and Related Products and Services Contract number 2017001134.

<b>Park</b>	<b>Price Proposal</b>
Golden Sands	\$129,128.94
Round Island Oceanfront	\$160,840.10
Treasure Shores	\$161,052.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$451,021.14</b>

**FUNDING:**

All three playgrounds will be funded from the Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Construction In Progress/Parks Playground Improvements Account, 31521072-066510-20040. A budget amendment to roll unused funds from the previous fiscal year will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Total</b>
31521072-066510-20040	Optional Sales Tax/Parks/Construction In Progress/Parks Playground Improvements	\$451,021.14

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the final ranking of firms, award the RFP to GameTime, and authorize the Purchasing Division to issue Purchase Orders for the purchase and installation of the equipment.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Selected Designs
- Price Proposals