

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR WILLIAM S. JAMES ELEMENTARY

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department is requesting a decision by the Board to award a contract to GameTime Inc., c/o West Recreation, in the amount of \$114,999.49. West Recreation is the local manufacturer representative and installation firm for GameTime, a commercial brand of playground equipment. GameTime is located at 150 PlayCore Drive SE, Fort Wayne, Alabama, 35967. This request is for the purchase and installation of a primary playground structure at William S. James Elementary School.

The basis for the cost of the playground equipment to be purchased has been established through piggybacking a publicly solicited contract, U.S. Communities RFP# 269-2010-183 and Contract# 110179.

Discussion:

William S. James Elementary is requesting the purchase of playground equipment to be furnished, delivered, installed, and ready for its intended use. Interlocking latex-free rubber tile surfacing will be installed over a concrete sub-base and drainage system to effectively manage the drainage needs for this site. Due to specific temperature requirements during installation, the products will be installed in the spring of 2012 but ordered now to avoid January price increases.

All playground equipment and layouts are evaluated using the established HCPS process considering appropriateness of the design, developmental needs, student safety, and future maintenance requirements. ADA regulations, industry standards and HCPS requirements have been addressed. Funds for this project are budgeted in the playground capital budget, fiscal year 2012.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the purchase of new playground equipment at William S. James Elementary School in the amount of \$114,999.49.