

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD FOR PARKS AND RECREATION EQUIPMENT**

**MAY 10, 2021**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Facilities Department, is requesting a decision to approve the use of a national contract through Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, known as HGACBuy, with Playground Specialists, Inc. located at 29 Apples Church Road, Thurmont, Maryland 21788.

The total annual expenditure is expected to be in excess of \$100,000. The contract will be utilized on an as-needed basis. For any single purchase exceeding \$100,000, board approval will be requested.

Discussion:

This contract is utilized for new playground installations, existing playground equipment repairs, or when surfacing needs to be revamped. The contract covers playground/child development equipment, safety surfacing, site amenities (tables, benches, etc.), and shelters/canopies. This contract is a “catalog” style format, whereby complete manufacturers’ catalogs are pre-listed and priced in their entirety, with suppliers pricing the catalog documents at a percentage-off-list price. Pricing with Playground Specialists, Inc. has been established at a 10% catalog discount.

The contracting vehicle for this agreement is Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, known as HGACBuy, contract #PR11-20 Parks and Recreation Equipment.

The funding source for these services is from the Facilities Operating Account.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve piggybacking the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program, known as HGACBuy, contract #PR11-20 with Playground Specialists, Inc.

This contract is effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2022.