

SECTION 00 02 00 - NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Valparaiso Community Schools
3801 North Campbell St.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

For: Valparaiso Community Schools – District Playgrounds Renovations

At: Valparaiso Community Schools – Administration Building
3801 North Campbell Street
Valparaiso, IN 46385

Until: 11:00AM (CST) on October 7, 2025

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00AM (CST), on October 7, 2025, in the Valparaiso Community Schools Administration Building Board Room.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project.

Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

The Skillman Corporation
8006 Aetna Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

The Skillman Plan Room
www.skillmanplanroom.com

Prime and Non-Prime Contract Bidders must place an order on www.skillmanplanroom.com to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping, and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by:

Reprographic Arts, 1017 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360, Phone (219) 872-9111

Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to **Valparaiso Community Schools**. Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days before awarding contracts.

Valparaiso Community Schools

By: Dr. Jim McCall

SECTION 01 12 00 - MULTIPLE CONTRACT SUMMARY

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.01 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and General Provisions of the Prime Contract, including amended General Conditions and other Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to Work of this Section.

1.02 SUMMARY

- A. The intent of this Section is to indicate the Work required by the Contractors and to provide information regarding the duties, responsibilities, and cooperation required by the Contractors, with similar requirements for the subcontractors and suppliers.
- B. Owners right to maintain current operations
- C. Occupancy requirements
- D. Work by Owner
- E. Permits, fees, and notices
- F. Labor and materials
- G. Verifications of existing dimensions
- H. Project security
- I. Coordination of work
- J. Time of commencement and completion
- K. Schedule of contract responsibilities

1.03 WORK UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS

- A. Prime Contracts are defined to include the following contracts described in the Schedule of Contract Responsibilities included hereinafter; and each is recognized to be a major part of the project, with Work to be performed concurrently and in close coordination with Work of other Prime Contracts.
- B. The "Contract Documents," as defined in the General Conditions, include "the Drawings." Although Drawings are grouped and identified by classification of the Work, Contractors shall be responsible for their Work as specified herein and as indicated on the Drawings. Although the majority of the Drawings are "to scale,"

Contractors are directed to use indicated dimensions for determining material quantities and for other reasons. No additional monies will be allowed due to Contractors using "scaling instruments" to determine material quantities or for other reasons.

- C. Separate prime contracts will be awarded as per the "**Schedule of Contract Responsibilities**" (see Part 3 – Execution). Contractors shall include Work required by the Specifications and Drawings for each contract area defined in the Schedule.
- D. Work for the complete construction of the Project will be under multiple prime contracts with the Owner. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project.
- E. Each Contractor shall be responsible for demolition and disposal of existing items relative to his Contract.

1.04 ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PRIME CONTRACTORS AND CM

- A. The **Construction Manager** shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Construction Schedule and management of every phase of the Work.
 - 1. Each Contractor shall read the Specifications and Drawings for other separate Contracts for fixed equipment and the like to be incorporated or attached or built into the Work; and familiarize himself with the requirements and responsibilities of other Contracts to enable the required coordination and supervision.
 - 2. Each Contractor shall also familiarize himself with other items to be incorporated into the Work including equipment and Work by the Owner.
 - 3. Each Contractor shall cooperate with the Construction Manager in notifying him when the Work is at a stage to require the services of other Contractors and shall notify the Construction Manager in the event that such other Contractors do not carry out their responsibilities in connection with such notification.
- B. Contractors shall cooperate with and assist the Construction Manager in the preparation of construction progress and procedures, schedule of product deliveries, and their effect on the overall project progress and completion. Other Contractors shall cooperate in getting their Work and the Work of their subcontractors completed according to the schedule as prepared and maintained by the Construction Manager. Each Contractor shall immediately notify the Construction Manager of a delay in delivery of products or the scheduled date of completion that may affect the total progress of construction.
- C. The Owner will furnish the topographical survey, either as a part of these Drawings or separately, giving the general topographical lines existing at the site and the property lines.

- D. Contractors required to make connections to existing utilities, especially sewerage where gravity flow occurs, shall verify grades and locations at points of such connections and shall notify the Construction Manager of circumstances which would adversely affect the proper flow or connection to such facilities.

1.05 PRIME CONTRACTORS USE OF PREMISES

- A. Use of the Site: Limit use of the premises to work in areas indicated. Confine operations to areas within contract limits indicated. Do not disturb portions of the site beyond the areas in which the Work is indicated.
 - 1. Owner Occupancy: Allow for Owner occupancy and use by the public.
 - 2. Driveways and Entrances: Keep driveways and entrances serving the premises clear and available to the Owner, the Owner's employees, and emergency vehicles at all times. Do not use these areas for parking or storage of materials. Schedule deliveries to minimize space and time requirements for storage of materials and equipment on site.
- B. Use of the Existing Building: Maintain the existing building in a weathertight condition throughout the construction period. Repair damage caused by construction operations. Take all precautions necessary to protect the building and its occupants during the construction period.

1.06 OWNERS RIGHT TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS

- A. During the course of this Project, normal and customary functions and operations must be maintained. The Contract Documents are intended to define a strict separation between the school activities of students and staff from the activities of the construction project.
- B. The Construction Manager, Architect, and Owner will not tolerate any visible or audible actions initiated or responded to by any employees of Contractors on this Project toward any students, teachers, or staff members at the school system. Violators shall be promptly removed from the site.
- C. The Owner intends to instruct students, teachers, and staff to refrain from communications with Contractor's personnel working on this Project. All communication with Owner and staff shall be through the Construction Manager.
- D. Contractors must expend their best effort toward protection of the health, safety, and welfare of occupants on the Owner's property during the course of Work on this Project.

1.07 OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS

- A. Full Owner Occupancy: The Owner will occupy the site and existing building during the entire construction period. Cooperate with the Owner during construction

operations to minimize conflicts and facilitate Owner usage. Perform the Work so as not to interfere with the Owner's operations.

- B. Partial Owner Occupancy: The Owner reserves the right to occupy and to place and install equipment in completed areas of the building prior to Substantial Completion, provided such occupancy does not interfere with completion of the Work. Such placing of equipment and partial occupancy shall not constitute acceptance of the total Work.
1. The Construction Manager will prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion for each specific portion of the Work to be occupied prior to Owner occupancy.
 2. Party which obtained general building permit shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from local building officials prior to Owner occupancy.
 3. Prior to partial Owner occupancy, mechanical and electrical systems shall be fully operational. Required inspections and tests shall have been successfully completed. Upon occupancy, the Owner will operate and maintain mechanical and electrical systems serving occupied portions of the building.
 4. Upon occupancy, the Owner will assume responsibility for maintenance and custodial service for occupied portions of the building.

1.08 WORK BY OWNER

- A. The Owner intends to complete the following items of Work outside the provisions of these Contract Documents. Contractors shall not restrict or interfere with the Owner's right to the Project to accomplish this Work.
1. Equipment and furniture except as scheduled and specified under Divisions 11 and 12 and shown on the Drawings.
 2. Items which may be deleted from Contracts for Work as required by the Contract Documents.
 3. Existing school maintenance work.
 4. The purchase and supplying of certain materials as noted in the Project Manual.
 5. The Owner, under separate contract, shall provide removal of identified asbestos containing materials from the existing structure. The asbestos report is available through the Construction Manager upon request.

1.09 PERMITS, FEES, AND NOTICES

- A. The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** will secure the general building permit for the Owner. Each Contractor shall secure and pay for other permits, governmental fees, and licenses necessary for the proper execution and completion of his Work, which are applicable at the time the bids are also received. Fees to relocate utilities on Owner's property shall be included in the bid of the Contractor doing the relocation.
1. State filing fees for plan approval are the responsibility of the Owner and will be paid by the Owner.

- B. Utility Tie-Ins: Shall be arranged with local utility company and other involved parties for minimum interruption of service.
- C. Shutdowns of existing systems shall be limited to the minimum time required and scheduled with other involved parties. Provide 2 days written notice of shutdown to Construction Manager and Owner.
- D. Inspections of installed work shall be performed by the governing authority as arranged for by the Contractor. Work shall not be covered until approved.
- E. Each Contractor shall give notices and comply with laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and orders of public authorities bearing on the performance of his Work. If a Contractor observes that the Contract Documents are at variance therewith, he shall promptly notify the Construction Manager in writing, and necessary changes shall be adjusted by appropriate notification. If a Contractor performs Work knowing it to be contrary to such laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, and without such notice to the Construction Manager, he shall assume full responsibility therefore and shall bear the costs attributable thereto.

1.10 LABOR AND MATERIALS

- A. Unless otherwise specifically noted, the Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of his Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.
- B. Each Contractor shall enforce strict discipline and good order among his employees or other persons carrying out Work of his Contract and shall not permit employment of unfit person or persons or anyone not skilled in the task assigned to them.
- C. Contractors and Subcontractors shall be subject to such rules and regulations for the conduct of the Work as the Owner may establish. Employees shall be properly and completely clothed while working. Bare torsos, legs and feet will not be allowed. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or drugs, tobacco or other noxious behavior on the site is strictly prohibited. Violators shall be promptly removed from the site. Smoking is not permitted on school property or within school buildings.
- D. Contractors will conduct criminal background checks (extent of and/or service to be used will be established by the Owner) on every employee assigned to work on the Project and clear them through the National Sex Offender Registry prior to their assignment to Project. Contractors will require the same as sub-contractors.
- E. ID Badges will be issued by The Skillman Corporation upon receipt of verification from the Contractor that the employee/subcontractor employee or independent contractor has a satisfactory record to work on the Project.

- E. E-Verify Compliance: Pursuant to I.C. 22-5-1.7, Contractor shall enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees of Contractor through the E-Verify Program (Program). Contractor is not required to verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the Program if the Program no longer exists. Also pursuant to I.C. 22-5-1.7, Contractor must execute an affidavit affirming that the Contractor does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien and confirming Contractor's enrollment in the Program, unless the Program no longer exists, shall be filed with the Owner prior to the execution of this contract. This contract shall not be deemed fully executed until such affidavit is delivered to the Owner.

Contractor and its subcontractors shall not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien or retain an employee or contract with a person that contractor or its subcontractor subsequently learns is an unauthorized alien. If Contractor violates this provision the Owner shall require Contractor to remedy the violation not later than thirty (30) days after the Owner notifies Contractor. If Contractor fails to remedy the violation within the thirty (30) day period, the Owner shall terminate the contract for breach of contract. If the Owner terminates the contract, Contractor shall be liable to the Owner for actual damages in addition to any other contractual remedies. There is a rebuttable presumption that Contractor did not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien if Contractor verified the work eligibility status of the employee through the Program.

Prior to performing any work, Contractor shall require each subcontractor to certify to Contractor that the subcontractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an unauthorized alien and has enrolled in the Program. Contractor shall maintain on file a certification from each subcontractor throughout the duration of this contract or project which is the subject of this contract. If Contractor determines that a subcontractor is in violation of this provision, Contractor may terminate its contract with the subcontractor for such violation. In Accordance with I.C. 5-16-13 Contractor must provide the E-Verify Case Number of every employee that works on the project. This requirement includes the contractor's subs and suppliers to the fourth (4th) tier.

- G. The Owner is requiring that all contractors' personnel and their onsite employees and subcontractors submit to expanded history and child protection index check. Contractors shall enroll in the Safe Vendor Program through Safe Hiring Solutions www.safehiringsolutions.com. Enrollment in Safe Vendor will ensure contractors employees are vetted in accordance with I.C. 20-26-5-10 for expanded criminal history and expanded child protection index check. Contractor is responsible for the cost of enrollment and employee background check. All contractors' personnel and employees, once cleared for work will be issued a project identification badge that must be worn at all times while on site. All contractors/subcontractors employees shall provide name, address, picture state driver's license or picture identification card and/or Safe Vendor Card to The Skillman Corporation Site Manager upon request.
- H. Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-16-13 Requirements for Contractors on Public Works Projects enacted by the Indiana Legislator requires, in addition to requirements already in effect, contractors to comply with the following:
1. Tier 1 –General/Prime Contractors to self-perform 15% of their total Contract.
 2. Qualification through the Department of Administration or INDOT requirement in accordance with IC 4-13.6-4.
 - a. **Bids shall not be considered unless (1) the Prime Bidder and (2) all lower tiered subcontractors whose subcontract value is estimated to be \$300,000 or more are qualified at the time of the bid in accordance with IC 4 – 13.6 – 4.**
 3. Include Written Drug Testing Plan that covers all employees of the bidder who will perform work on the public work project and meets or exceeds the requirements set in IC 4-13-18-5 or IC 4-13-18-6 with Bid.
 4. Minimum Insurance Requirements \$1M/occurrence \$2M/aggregate. However, check your bidding requirements as the Owners may have higher limit requirements.
 5. Mandatory enrollment in E-Verify by all contractors down to the 4th Tier Sub Contracts and must provide the case verification number of all employees working on the project.
 6. Prohibits contractors down to the 4th Tier Sub Contract from paying employees in cash.
 7. Requirement to retain payroll records for 3 years
 8. All contractors down to the 4th Tier Sub Contract must comply with Fair Labor Act, Indiana's Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Insurance.
 9. Mandatory Training Requirements based upon number of employees.
 10. Failure to comply may result in debarment from public works projects for up to 4 years.

- I. All contractors down to the 4th Tier Sub Contract must maintain general liability insurance in at least the following amounts: Each Occurrence Limit of \$1,000,000 and General Aggregate Limit of \$2,000,000. Other requirements and limits may apply see specification section 00 50 00 Schedule of Insurance Requirements.

1.11 CUTTING AND PATCHING

- A. Refer to Section 01 73 10 – Cutting and Patching, for provisions on this subject.

1.12 VERIFICATIONS OF EXISTING DIMENSIONS

- A. When verification of existing dimensions is required, the Contractor requiring said verification for the construction or fabrication of his material shall be the Contractor responsible for the procurement of the field information.

1.13 PROJECT SECURITY

- A. Each Prime Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent injury, damage or loss to people and property in, on and adjacent to the project. This shall include not only their own work or property but that of other contractors and the Owner.
- B. If deemed necessary by The Construction Manager a project wide security program may be developed for the purpose of preventing damage or loss at the project site or property adjacent thereto. Once accepted by the Owner, contractors shall comply.

1.14 SCHEDULE OF CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITIES - SCOPE

- A. Contractors shall submit their proposals based on the work included under each contract area as listed herein. Include Work necessary for a complete project, as shown on the Drawings and called for in the Specifications.
- B. Questions concerning the phasing, or "Schedule of Contract Responsibilities" should be directed to the Construction Manager, who will be the interpreter and be responsible for this Schedule of Contract Responsibilities and Contract Breakdown, prior to submitting proposals and during construction.
- C. The requirements of Division 1 are a part of the Work of each and every contract area. The Contractor for any one contract area shall be familiar with the Work and requirements of all other contract areas.
- D. Certain Specification Sections describe Work to be performed under several contract areas. (Example: 06 10 00 - Rough Carpentry.) Provide Work of this nature as required for each contract area whether or not enumerated in the Schedule of Contract Responsibilities.

- E. The following contract areas are broken down by Specification Section conforming basically to the CSI format.
- F. The Drawings and Specifications furnished for each of the Contracts is for the convenience of the Contractor in preparing a proposal for this Project. However, each Contractor is responsible to review the complete set of Drawings and Specifications to assure that Work required to be installed to complete his phase of the Work is included in his proposal. This "Schedule of Contract Responsibilities" is a definition of the work as it is to be bid in separate contracts. Where a specific item of Work is not defined, but is normally inherent to a trade, or is included in the scope of the applicable technical revision, it will be the responsibility of that Contractor to include the Work in his proposal.
- G. This "Schedule of Contract Responsibilities" is to aid each Contractor in defining the Scope of Work to be included in his proposal. However, omissions from this "Schedule of Responsibilities" do not relieve the Contractor from including in his proposal that Work which will be required to complete his Contract. Each Contractor should read the "Schedule of Contract Responsibilities" completely to familiarize himself with the Work of other Contractors that may have Work in adjacent areas and to coordinate the interfacing problems that may occur as the work is assembled and constructed.
- H. Where specific Work is to be completed under a particular phase of the Project and the Work is wholly or partially completed by other trades because of the type of work involved or jurisdictional trade agreements, the Contractor will be responsible to subcontract the Work as necessary to complete the Work included in his Contract. No delay in the Work will be allowed due to the failure of the Contractor to subcontract related work required by jurisdictional trade agreements.

1.15 COORDINATION OF WORK

- A. Each Contractor is responsible to coordinate his Work with the Work of other trades and other Contractors and requirements of the school system. The Contractor must make space allowances for Work of other Contractors; provide necessary openings where indicated or implied by the Drawings and Specifications. Each Contractor is responsible to protect his own Work.

1.16 TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

- A. The Contractor shall commence work within ten (10) days after being notified in writing to proceed and shall complete the Work within the time limitations established in the Form of Agreement.
 - 1. It is anticipated that construction will start within 238 calendar days after receipt of bids.
 - 2. Construction shall be complete within 300 consecutive calendar days, or earlier, after Notice to Proceed.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 SCHEDULE OF CONTRACT RESPONSIBILITIES

3.02 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. PROVIDED BY OWNER THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

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| Section | 01 32 00 | Schedules and Reports |
| Section | 01 45 10 | Testing Laboratory Services |

All Contractors shall provide their Superintendents with radios capable of handling multiple channels and compatible with radios used by the Construction Manager.

Autodesk Build is replacing **PlanGrid**. **Autodesk Build** does not require users to purchase a license. **Contractors** will be invited to the project and required to use this tool. **Autodesk Build** will be used as the **Current Set** and **As-Built Record Drawings**. Additionally, it will be used to track **Issues** for **Safety, QA/QC, Non-**

3.03 BID CATEGORIES

A. BID CATEGORY NO. 1 - SITEWORK

General Requirements in Paragraph 3.02.B above.

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| Section | 01 21 00 | Allowances |
| Section | 01 25 00 | Contract Modification Procedures |
| Section | 01 28 00 | Schedule of Values |
| Section | 01 29 00 | Applications for Payment |
| Section | 01 31 00 | Project Meetings |
| Section | 01 32 00 | Schedules and Reports |
| Section | 01 33 00 | Submittal Procedures |
| Section | 01 40 00 | Quality Requirements |
| Section | 01 45 10 | Testing Laboratory Services (Paragraph 1.05) |
| Section | 01 50 50 | Temporary Facilities and Controls |
| Section | 01 51 50 | Temporary Water |
| Section | 01 53 20 | Tree and Plant Protection |
| Section | 01 54 60 | Environment Protection |
| Section | 01 54 80 | Utility Protection |
| Section | 01 55 00 | Access Roads and Parking |
| Section | 01 56 30 | Water Control |
| Section | 01 56 80 | Erosion Control |
| Section | 01 56 90 | Housekeeping & Safety |
| Section | 01 59 20 | Offices and Sheds |
| Section | 01 60 00 | Product Requirements |
| Section | 01 72 00 | Field Engineering |
| Section | 01 72 50 | Work Layout |
| Section | 01 73 10 | Cutting and Patching |

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| Section | 01 77 00 | Contract Closeout |
| Section | 02 41 20 | Removals |
| Section | 31 10 00 | Site Clearing |
| Section | 31 20 00 | Earthwork |
| Section | 31 25 13 | Soil Erosion Control |
| Section | 32 11 16 | Granular Base Course |
| Section | 32 12 16 | Asphaltic Concrete Paving |
| Section | 32 13 13 | Portland Cement Concrete Paving |
| Section | 32 13 80 | Site Concrete |
| Section | 32 91 13 | Soil Preparation |
| Section | 32 92 19 | Seeding |
| Section | 33 40 00 | Storm Sewage Systems |
| Section | 33 42 31 | Stormwater Area Drains and Inlets |

Clarification No. 1:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall provide dewatering as required to perform their work without causing delays to the overall schedule.

Clarification No. 2:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** is to include \$3,000 in their bid for costs associated with the submittal website and document management subscription. Any unused amount will be credited back to the Owner as a deduct Change Order.

Clarification No. 3:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** is to include his bid, 40 man-hours for general site clean-up (or other work) to be performed by a skilled laborer at the direction of the Construction Manager throughout the duration of the project. At the end of the project, unused hours will be converted into a dollar amount and returned to the Owner as a deduct Change Order.

Clarification No. 4:

Private utility locates will be required. The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** is to include in their bid any costs associated with having a private utility company identify all utilities outside the public utility boundaries.

Clarification No. 5:

All shop drawings and product data submittals must be submitted within 10 days of receiving the Notice to Proceed.

Clarification No. 6:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** is to provide dumpster type rubbish containers sized adequate for the Project waste, debris and rubbish. Provide two (2) one cubic yard mobile trash carts to be used during the project and empty these carts at the end of the workday.

Clarification No. 7:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall provide portable type toilets/saniprep units. Adequate facilities shall be provided for all workmen and in no case less than those required by applicable federal law(s). Provide necessary paper goods and soap and keep facilities clean and sanitary.

Clarification No. 8:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall provide any special requirements, grading, stone, etc. from the parking lot to the Playgrounds at each respective site to facilitate access of equipment, bobcat's, etc. to perform the required work. The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall repair/restore any disturbed areas once their scope of work is completed. This includes, but is not limited to damaged curbs, sidewalks, pavement, grading, landscaping and seeded areas. Damages caused by construction will be the responsibility of the **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** to repair at no additional cost to the Owner. This includes thoroughly cleaning all access roads to their original condition. The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall also remove any dirt and mud that is tracked on the public roadways on a daily basis.

Clarification No. 9:

The **Bid Category No. 1 Contractor** shall closely coordinate their work with the Playground vendor that is under contract directly with the Owner.

END OF SECTION 01 12 00