



2026 Playground Improvements

Bid # 26-30

ADDENDUM No. 2

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This addendum consists of the following:

1. Addendum Number Two is attached and consists of a total of twenty-eight (28) pages including this cover sheet. Any changes to the drawings or specifications noted within Addendum Number Two will be reflected in subsequent drawing issues.

Please feel free to call (847-448-8107) or email (tnunez@cityofevanston.org) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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This addendum forms a part of the Specifications and Bid Documents for Bid #26-30 and modifies these documents. This addendum consists of the following:

Specifications:

Exhibit A – Bid Form

This section is being re-released entirely.

Section 01 27 00 – Unit Prices

This is a new section that is being added.

Clarifications to Questions Received:

Question 1: Underdrain Slopes, Invert Closure at Existing Connections, and Subgrade Slope (1% vs. 0.50%) [Rev 2]

References: Sheets L-02B, L-03A; Detail E / Sheet D-02; Detail E / Sheet D-01; Specification Section 32 18 00 (subgrade slope)

Plan notes require all 4" perforated underdrains installed at 0.0% longitudinal slope (Sheet L-02B: "SLOPE ALL UNDERDRAINS AT 0.0%"; Sheet L-03A: "SET AT 0.0% SLOPE"). We read the 0.50% notations in Detail E / Sheet D-02 as the subgrade cross-slope toward the trench; please confirm. Please further confirm: (a) that 0.0% longitudinal slope (no positive conveyance gradient) is the design intent for the perforated underdrains; (b) how the single resulting invert elevation of a 0.0% run is to be reconciled with the requirement that inverts "match invert elev at connection" at each of the eight existing cleanouts at Eggleston Park (Sheet L-02B), whose existing inverts may differ, and with the Snyder Tot Lot invert rule (2.0' below drywell rim elevation or 20" below finish grade of wood chip surfacing, whichever is lower, Sheet L-03A); and (c) the governing playground subgrade slope toward the drains — 1% per Section 32 18 00 or 0.50% per Detail E / Sheet D-02.

Requested response: confirmation of 0.0% longitudinal pipe slope; the controlling invert elevation(s) at the existing connection points; and the governing subgrade slope percentage (1% or 0.50%).

City Response:

- *All longitudinal pipe within playground areas shall be set at 0.0% slope per MWRD requirements.*
- *Contractor shall modify invert elevations on existing cleanouts to allow for 0% longitudinal slope. The lowest invert elevation will control.*
- *Subgrade slope shall be 0.5% per Detail E/D-02.*

Question 2: Demolition Depth vs. New Playground Surfacing Section Depth

References: Sheets R-01, R-02, R-03; Detail E / Sheet D-01;
Specification Section 32 18 00, Part 2 (Depth of material – 12")

The demolition plans require removal of existing play equipment and surfacing "TO 16" DEPTH MIN." The new surfacing section comprises 12" of engineered wood fiber per Section 32 18 00 over 12" of washed CA-7 drainage aggregate per Detail E / Sheet D-01, plus geotextile — a total section of approximately 24" below finish grade. Please confirm that excavation, off-site disposal, and subgrade preparation to accommodate the full new surfacing section (approximately 24", plus deeper trenching at underdrains) are required and shall be included in the Base Bid, notwithstanding the 16" minimum noted on the demolition plans.

Requested response: design excavation depth in inches below finish grade at playground areas, consistent with the response to the surfacing assembly question herein.

City Response:

- *Follow detail E/D-01 showing 12" surfacing and 4" CA-7.*

Question 3: Tree and Stump Removal "BY OTHERS" at Snyder Tot Lot

References: Sheet R-03 (two locations);
Specification Section 01 56 39

Sheet R-03 designates tree and stump removal at two locations as "BY OTHERS," while Section 01 56 39 states that trees and shrubs identified for removal are designated on the Drawings (implying removal under this Contract).

Please confirm that these trees and stumps will be removed by the City (or its separate contractor) and confirm the timing of such removal relative to the Contractor's mobilization.

City Response:

- *Tree removals identified as "by others" will be performed by the City. Timing to be coordinated with contractor prior to mobilization.*

**Question 4: Power Washing — Limits of Work and Construction Water Source
[Rev 7]**

References: Sheet G-01, Layout Note 14

Layout Note 14 requires the Contractor to “POWER WASH ALL CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CONCRETE CURBS, AND RETAINING WALLS AT ALL THREE PARK LOCATIONS.” Unlike Layout Notes 16 and 17, this note is not limited to areas within the construction fence, and no specification section addresses power washing. Please confirm whether the power washing requirement applies (a) only within the construction fenced areas, or (b) to all concrete pavements, curbs, and retaining walls throughout the entirety of each of the three parks. If (b), please identify the limits on a drawing or provide approximate quantities. Additionally, since Section 01 00 00 1.6 assigns water to the General Contractor and power washing at three parks involves substantial water volume and wash-water management per the G-01 Erosion Control Notes, please confirm whether metered fire hydrant use will be permitted at or near each of the three parks for power washing and other construction water needs, identify the approved hydrant locations if restricted, and state the hydrant permit, meter deposit, and usage rates to be assumed for bidding.

Requested response: limits identified as (a) within construction fenced areas only, or (b) entire park, with approximate square footage or a marked limit exhibit; hydrant use permitted — yes or no, with approved locations and applicable fees and rates.

City Response:

- Power washing shall be limited to within construction fenced areas only. Contractor to determine quantity.
- Water access can be achieved through new drinking fountain spigot connections or existing spigots on site. If needed, contractor can obtain a hydrant permit at their cost. For City projects, the CITY will provide the CONTRACTOR with a fire hydrant permit and the water necessary to carry out the specified work. The CONTRACTOR must use a City-provided cart assembly whenever obtaining water from a City hydrant. The cart assembly includes a hydrant meter, an RPZ, isolation valves on either side of the RPZ, a hydrant wrench, and a 5' length of flexible 2" hose for making the connection from the cart to the hydrant. Note that any hoses attached to fire hydrants or the cart assembly may not run across road pavement without proper protection as approved by the CITY, to prevent damage to the water mains. A total of \$3,050 is due at the time of the permit issuance, which includes \$500 refundable damage deposit against all hydrants listed on the permit, \$2,500 refundable damage deposit against each cart assembly on loan, and a \$50 monthly non-refundable rental fee for each cart assembly. Fees for additional rental months can be collected at time of permit issuance, paid when the cart is returned, or credited against deposits to be refunded.

Question 5: Joint Grinding and Rout-and-Seal Quantities — Basis of Payment

References: Sheet G-01, Layout Notes 16 and 17; Specification Section 01 21 00
(Allowance: \$75,000.00)

Layout Note 17 requires grinding of existing concrete pavement to remain at any/all joints with vertical displacement exceeding 1/4", and Layout Note 16 requires routing and sealing of all concrete expansion joints within the construction fenced areas. These quantities cannot be reasonably ascertained at bid time. Please confirm whether this work is to be (a) included in the Base Bid — and if so, please provide estimated quantities (LF of joints to rout/seal and number/LF of joints to grind) — or (b) performed as Allowance work under Section 01 21 00 via written Allowance Authorization. Alternatively, please consider adding unit price line items for this work.

Requested response: estimated LF of rout-and-seal and estimated quantity of joints to be ground for bidding purposes, or written confirmation of payment from the Section 01 21 00 Allowance.

City Response:

- See attached, updated Exhibit A, Bid Form, adding grinding and routing/sealing as unit bid quantities.

Question 6: City-Purchased Play Equipment — Freight, Storage, and Inspection Costs

References: Specification Section 11 68 00, Article 1.5; Notes on Sheets L-01B, L-02C, L-03B

The Contract Documents state the City is separately purchasing play equipment from Playworld Systems, Inc. and Landscape Structures, Inc., with responsibility for managing the procurement assigned to the Contractor after contract execution.

Please confirm: (a) that freight/delivery charges to the site are included in the City's purchase orders and are not to be carried in the Bid; (b) whether the cost of off-site storage of equipment, if required, is to be included in the Base Bid or will be compensated separately; and (c) which party bears the cost of the post-installation manufacturer inspection for ASTM compliance

City Response:

- Freight/Delivery costs are to be paid by the City. Costs are not to be carried in the bid.
- Contractor to assess need for off-site storage and hold costs in base bid if deemed necessary.
- Contractor to bear all costs for inspections.

Question 7: DynaCushion Wear Mats — Furnishing Responsibility

References: Sheets L-01B (TYP OF 14), L-02C (TYP OF 8), L-03B (TYP OF 8);
Specification Section 32 18 00, Part 2 (4 ft x 6 ft x 2 inch mats)

The 6'x4'x2" DynaCushion wear mats appear on the playground equipment enlargement plans (associated with the City-purchased equipment) and are also described in surfacing Section 3218 00.

Please confirm whether the wear mats are included in the City's separate equipment purchase orders (Contractor to install only) or are to be furnished and installed by the Contractor under the Base Bid.

City Response:

- Contractor to furnish and install wear mats in base bid.

Question 8: Salvaged Fence Panels — Quantity Sufficiency and Risk of Deficiency

References: Sheets L-02A, R-02, R-03; Detail A / Sheet D-03;
Specification Section 32 31 19; Bid Form Alternate 1

Sheet L-02A requires approximately 450 LF of Panel Fence Type 1 at Eggleston Park constructed with fence panels salvaged from the existing Eggleston Park fence, and Alternate 1 requires 230 LF of Panel Fence Type 1 utilizing panels salvaged from Snyder Tot Lot plus 100 LF of new Panel Fence Type 2. Section 32 31 19 does not include provisions for salvaging, refurbishing, or reinstalling existing panels.

Please confirm: (a) that the quantity of salvageable existing panels is anticipated to be sufficient for the lengths shown; (b) which party bears the cost of furnishing new matching panels if salvaged panels are insufficient in quantity or are unusable due to existing damage; and (c) any refurbishment requirements (cleaning, painting, hardware) applicable to salvaged panels prior to reinstallation.

City Response:

- Confirmed that the quantity of salvageable panels is anticipated to be sufficient for lengths shown on plans.
- City will bear cost of furnishing new panels, assuming contractor carefully salvages material.
- No refurbishment needed for existing panels. Contractor to install new hardware and new posts.

Question 9: Stone/Block Retaining Wall Rebuilding — Extent and Quantities

References: Sheets R-02, R-03, L-02B, L-03A; Specification Section 04 10 20 (Articles 3.05, 3.06)

Sheet L-03A requires the salvaged block retaining wall at Snyder Tot Lot to have its gravel base releveled "IN HIGHLIGHTED REGIONS," and Sheet R-03 requires the wall to be "FEATHERED BACK TO TOP COURSE"; Sheet L-02B requires reinstallation of

the salvaged top two courses at Eggleston Park. Section 04 10 20 requires the Contractor to furnish new matching units if salvaged stone is unacceptable or insufficient.

Please provide (a) the linear footage or a clearly identifiable delineation of the wall regions requiring base releveling and rebuilding at Snyder Tot Lot (hatched "highlighted" regions may not reproduce legibly), and (b) a unit price provision or allowance assignment for furnishing new matching stone units in the event salvaged material is insufficient, as this quantity cannot be determined at bid time.

City Response:

- Highlighted area per plans is 17 linear feet.
- No unit price to be provided. Replacement units, if required, shall be assessed via Allowance request.

Question 10: Drinking Fountains — Water Service, Plumbing Requirements, and Permits

References: Sheets L-02B, L-03A; Detail A / Sheet D-05

New drinking fountains (Most Dependable Fountains Model #10145SMSS) are required at Eggleston Park (connect to existing supply and waste) and Snyder Tot Lot. Detail A / Sheet D-05 addresses the fixture only, and the Project Manual does not include a potable water piping specification.

Please confirm: (a) the required supply piping material, size, and burial depth; (b) whether a new shutoff valve/box, backflow prevention, or meter work is required; (c) disinfection/testing requirements for the new water service connections; and (d) which party pays City plumbing/water permit and connection fees. Please also confirm the anticipated lead time for the specified fountain model is compatible with the project schedule.

City Response

- Existing drinking fountains have a 1-1/2" type K copper line buried to 5' depth. Contractor to connect to existing line.
- No new shutoff, backflow prevention, or meter work required.
- Testing to be performed by City.
- All permit fees are to be waived.
- Contractor to confirm and assess anticipated lead times for equipment purchases.

Question 11: Northwest Water Commission 60" Water Main — Protection and Coordination

References: Sheet G-01, General Notes 8 and 9; Sheets R-02, L-02A

General Note 8 prohibits driving heavy machinery over the NWC 60" water main unless protected with steel plates or equivalent approved by the NWC Engineer. The NWC main and its 20-foot easement run along the McCormick Blvd frontage of Eggleston Park, where fence replacement work occurs.

Please confirm (a) whether construction access across the easement is anticipated or permitted, (b) whether steel plating, if required, is to be included in the Base Bid, and (c) whether NWC review/approval involves fees or timelines the Contractor should account for in the schedule.

City Response:

- Construction access is to be assessed by contractor, but it is anticipated and allowed with proper protection as specified by NWC.
- Steel plating will be required if access is needed in this region. Contractor to assess and include in their base bid if necessary.
- NWC review/approval does not require fees. Timeline is typically 24-48 hours

Question 12: Geotechnical Information and Unsuitable Subgrade

References: Specification Sections 31 22 14, 31 23 17; Section 01 21 00

Section 31 22 14 establishes excavation as unclassified, and no geotechnical report or soil boring data is included in the Contract Documents.

Please confirm (a) whether any geotechnical data for the three sites is available to bidders, and (b) whether removal and replacement of unsuitable subgrade materials encountered below the limits of planned excavation will be authorized and compensated as Allowance work under Section 01 21 00 rather than carried in the Base Bid

City Response:

- No geotechnical information available.
- Yes, removal and replacement of unsuitable subgrade materials will be assessed as Allowance work.

Question 13: Lawn Restoration Limits

References: Sheet G-01, Demolition Note 3 and Layout Note 13; Specification Sections 32 91 13, 32 92 00

Demolition Note 3 requires restoration of all areas of removals and disturbed areas with topsoil and seed, and Layout Note 13 requires seed and hydromulch at all lawn areas disturbed by construction; however, no restoration limits are delineated on the plans. Given the soil preparation requirements of Section 32 91 13, restoration quantities materially affect the Bid.

Please provide approximate restoration limits or square footage by park, or confirm that restoration limits are to be determined by each bidder based on its planned means and methods (construction fence limits, staging, and access routes shown on the demolition plans).

City Response:

- Limits of restoration to be assessed by contractor as part of their means and methods.

Question 14: Miscellaneous Confirmations

References: Detail B / Sheet D-05; Sheets L-02B, L-03A

Please confirm the following: (a) the on-site mockup of three different Topcast finishes for the cast-in-place concrete wall (Detail B / Sheet D-05) is to be included in the Base Bid; (b) the existing 6" solid PVC underdrain main at Eggleston Park, to which eight new underdrain laterals connect, is believed to be in serviceable condition, and repair of any pre-existing defects discovered in the existing main will be treated as Allowance work; and (c) the method and basis of payment for adjusting existing cleanout rim elevations to meet finish grade at Snyder Tot Lot, for which no detail is provided.

City Response:

- Yes, mockups to be included in base bid.
- Yes, the existing 6" solid PVC underdrain is believed to be in serviceable condition, and pre-existing defects will be treated as allowance work.
- Contractor to raise or lower cleanout rim elevations as needed to meet finish grade. Pricing to be included within base bid.

Question 15: Demolition — On-Site Storage Prohibition vs. Salvage/Reinstallation Logistics; Owner Storage Location

References: Specification Section 02 41 13, 1.5.D, 3.4.B.4, 3.6.A.2; Sheets R-02, R-03, L-02A; Bid Form Alternate 1

Section 02 41 13 1.5.D prohibits on-site storage of removed items or materials, while 3.6.A.2 directs on-site stockpiling of recyclable demolished materials, and the drawings require salvaged Eggleston fence panels and salvaged wall stone to be reinstalled at the same sites (requiring staging). Snyder Tot Lot fence panels are to be salvaged "for City stockpiling or use on Alternate 1 as selected," a determination made after bid.

Please confirm: (a) whether on-site staging of materials designated for reinstallation is permitted; (b) the address of the Owner's designated storage area for salvaged items per 3.4.B.4; and (c) where Snyder fence panels are to be stored pending the Alternate 1 decision, and which party bears storage cost.

City Response:

- Materials designated for reinstallation are permitted to be stored onsite.
- Designated storage for salvaged items will be on the jobsite
- All alternates will be decided before bid award. Storage will be onsite if to be reused or delivered to 2020 Asbury, Evanston, IL 60201 if alternate not selected.

Question 16: Demolition — Utility Disconnection Responsibility and Hazardous Materials Survey

References: Specification Section 02 41 13, 1.5.C, 3.1.A, 3.2.B; Sheets R-02, R-03

Section 02 41 13 3.1.A directs the Contractor to verify that utilities “have been disconnected and capped” (implying disconnection by others), while 3.2.B directs the Contractor to “locate, identify, disconnect, and seal or cap off” utility services. The drinking fountain removals at Eggleston Park and Snyder Tot Lot involve active water supply and waste connections.

Please confirm (a) which party performs and pays for water service shutoff/capping at the existing fountains, and (b) whether any hazardous materials survey exists for the three sites, and that abatement of any encountered hazardous materials (per 1.5.C) will be treated as a change in the Work.

City Response:

- Water service to be shut off at b-box or valve within meter enclosure to be performed by Contractor to accommodate new drinking fountain installation.
- No hazardous material survey exists, if material is encountered it will be treated as a change in scope.

Question 17: Demolition — Underdrain Removal Limits at Protected Cleanouts; Snyder Sign Salvage vs. Relocation

References: Sheets R-02, R-03, L-03A; Specification Section 02 41 13, 1.2

The demolition plans require removal of existing underdrains to 16” depth while simultaneously protecting the existing cleanouts (8 at Eggleston, 4 at Snyder) and drywells to which those underdrains connect.

Please confirm the limits of pipe removal at protected structures (e.g., cut and cap a stated distance from the fitting) and confirm the Contractor is not responsible for pre-existing defects in structures to remain. Additionally, Sheet R-03 designates the existing Snyder park sign as “Remove and Salvage” (deliver to Owner per 1.2.B) while Sheet L-03A requires “Relocate Exist Park Sign” (remove and reinstall per 1.2.C, including new footing). Please confirm which applies.

City Response:

- Limits of removal shall include removal of all horizontal pipe. Maintain all drywells and cleanouts. Modify inverts per previous comments.
- Contractor is not responsible for pre-existing and documented defects.
- Sign to be removed and salvaged. Sign will then be reinstalled w/ new footing.

Question 18: Concrete — Governing Specification and Reinforcement for Exterior Flatwork (Fiber Mesh vs. Steel Fiber vs. Epoxy-Coated Bar)

References: Details A, C, D / Sheet D-01; Specification Section 03 30 00, 2.3.F, 2.7.E;

Specification Section 32 13 13, 2.2.A, 2.5.A, 3.6.A The D-01 details call for “5” concrete with FIBER MESH reinforcement.” Section 03 30 00 specifies structural CARBON STEEL fiber (Dramix/Novocon/Fibercon, 1.5” cold-drawn wire) dosed up to 25 lb/CY. Section 32 13 13 specifies IDOT Class PV Type III concrete with epoxy-coated reinforcing bars placed at mid-height of slabs, with no fiber. These three requirements are mutually inconsistent and produce materially different bid prices; steel fiber at a playground walking surface also raises exposed-fiber safety concerns.

Please confirm: (a) which specification section governs exterior concrete pavement, integral curbs, ADA ramps, B6-12 curb and gutter, and playground equipment footings, respectively; (b) the required reinforcement type and dosage for the D-01 pavement section; and (c) the required concrete class/strength for each element. Requested response: for each element (pavement, integral curb, ADA ramps, B6-12 curb and gutter, equipment footings) — governing specification section, concrete class/strength, and reinforcement type and dosage/size.

City Response

- *Specification 32 13 13 applies to pavement, integral curbs, and ADA ramps. Playground footings to follow section 03 30 00. B6-12 curb and gutter to follow IDOT Standard 606001-08.*
- *Sidewalk to feature fiber mesh reinforcement, Durafiber or equal. Application rate per manufacturer recommendations (1.5 lbs per CY for Durafiber).*
- *Required concrete class/strength to follow specifications.*

Question 19: Concrete — Topcast Finish Method on Vertical Wall Faces; Wall Reinforcement Configuration

References: Sheet L-01A; Detail B / Sheet D-05; Specification Section 03 30 00, 1.5.F, 2.8, 3.7.F, 3.8.C

Section 03 30 00 2.8.A defines Top Cast as a spray-applied TOP-surface retarder with retarder wash-off as early as 4–16 hours after placement (3.7.F.2), while 3.8.C requires formed surfaces to cure with forms in place for the full 7-day curing period. The retaining wall finish (“Topcast #05 sandblast finish or similar, all exposed faces”) applies to vertical FORMED faces, where a top-surface retarder cannot be applied as specified.

Please confirm the acceptable method for achieving the specified finish on vertical faces (e.g., form-applied retarder or post-strip abrasive blasting), confirm the on-site mockup with three finishes is Base Bid and will establish the accepted appearance, and clarify whether Detail B / D-05 wall reinforcement (#4 @ 12” OC both ways, “2” clear top and bottom”) is a single mat or a double mat (each face) in the 8” wall.

City Response:

- Vertical formwork to be performed per TopCast requirements.
- Mockups, if constructed properly, will be utilized to establish the accepted appearance and are to be included in the base bid.
- Rebar reinforcement is a single mat.

Question 20: Masonry — Snyder Wall System Type, Base Material Specification, and Quantities/Unit Prices

References: Sheets R-03, L-03A, L-02B; Specification Section 04 10 20, 2.01.A, 3.06, 3.07.C

Sheets R-03/L-03A describe the Snyder Tot Lot retaining wall as taken down to a GRAVEL BASE, with the base releveled “in highlighted regions” and courses rebuilt to uniform levels — indicating a dry-laid wall system. Section 04 10 20 addresses only mortared masonry (repointing, pointing mortar mixes) and contains no gravel base material, gradation, compaction, or leveling-tolerance requirements.

Please (a) confirm the Snyder wall system type and provide base material and compaction requirements; (b) identify the linear footage or a reproducible delineation of the “highlighted regions” requiring releveled; (c) provide an estimated repointing quantity or add a unit price line, since 3.06.A defines defective joints by field condition; and (d) confirm that furnishing new matching stone beyond salvageable quantities (2.01.A, 3.07.C) will be compensated via the Section 01 21 00 Allowance or a unit price rather than carried in Base Bid. Requested response: wall system type; base material gradation and compaction requirement; LF of releveled; repointing quantity or unit price; and payment basis for replacement stone.

City Response:

- Existing wall manufacturer unknown, but is a modular concrete block system. Base to consist of 6-8” depth of grade 8 compacted to 98% SPD.
- Linear footage clarified on question #9
- No repointing necessary.
- Unit pricing to be assessed via Allowance request as needed.

Question 21: Masonry — Extent of Cleaning Scope

References: Specification Section 04 10 20, 1.3.E, 1.4.C, 2.02, 3.04, 3.08; Sheet G-01 Layout Note 14

Section 04 10 20 includes a complete chemical cleaning program (cleaning program submittal, chemical cleaner products, 18”x18” field sample panels with a 7-day observation period, and detailed application procedures), but no drawing identifies any masonry surface to receive cleaning, and 3.08 Final Cleaning expressly prohibits chemical cleaners.

Please identify the surfaces, if any, to receive cleaning under Section 04 10 20, or confirm that cleaning is limited to 3.08 final cleaning and the power washing of Layout Note 14.

City Response:

- Cleaning is limited to final cleaning and power washing only.

Question 22: Playground Surfacing — Governing Drainage Assembly and Total Section Depth

References: Specification Section 32 18 00, 2.03 (Fibar System 200); Detail E / Sheet D-01; Detail E / Sheet D-02; Sheets L-02B, L-03A; Sheets R-01, R-02, R-03

Three different playground drainage assemblies appear in the Contract Documents: (1) Section 32 18 00 specifies the Fibar System 200 — FibarDrain strips in 2"x6" trenches at 6'-0" centers, FibarFelt geotextile, and a 3" layer of #67 angular drainage stone (total section approximately 15"); (2) Detail E / Sheet D-01 shows a 12" washed CA-7 drainage layer with two layers of filter fabric beneath the engineered wood fiber (total section approximately 24"); and (3) the plans show 4" perforated PVC underdrains per Detail E / Sheet D-02.

Please confirm which assembly governs, whether the PVC underdrains replace or supplement the FibarDrain strips, the resulting total excavation/section depth below finish grade (which also resolves the "16" minimum" demolition depth note), and the required drainage stone type and depth. Requested response: the single governing assembly; total section depth in inches below finish grade; drainage stone gradation and depth in inches; and whether FibarDrain strips are required in addition to the 4" PVC underdrains.

City Response:

- Plans to govern. Detail shows 4" washed CA-7 and a minimum of 12" EWF mulch giving an approximate depth of 16". Note subgrade drainage of 0.5% as previously stated.

Question 23: Playground Surfacing — Internal Specification Contradictions (Recycled Content, Warranty, Wear Mat Source and Setting)

References: Specification Section 32 18 00, 1.03.G, 1.04.A, 1.05.C, 1.08, 2.03.A, 2.04, 3.03.J, 3.04

Section 32 18 00 contains the following internal conflicts: (a) 1.04.A states material manufactured from recycled material will not be acceptable, while 2.03.A specifies engineered wood fiber "recycled from wood mills and truss plants"; (b) 1.03.G requires a 20-year manufacturer warranty against loss of resiliency while 1.08 specifies a 10-year EWF warranty; (c) 2.04 requires the Contractor to furnish DynaCushion wear mats by Pierceton Rubber Products while 1.05.C requires wear mats from the same single source as the surfacing manufacturer, and the same mats are shown on the City-purchased equipment enlargement plans; and (d) 3.04 requires wear mats set 6" below finished surface while 3.03.J permits placement on the geotextile, mid-depth, or on top of the system.

Please confirm the governing requirement for each item, including which party furnishes the wear mats.

City Response:

- Engineered wood fiber shall meet ASTM 1292.
- Wear mats to be DynaCushion mats or approved equal. Mats to be furnished and installed by contractor at 6" below finished grade.

Question 24: Decorative Fence — Post Footing Dimensions; Grounding System Applicability; Engineering Submittals; Footing Bearing in Demolished Alignment [Rev 6]

References: Details A–D / Sheet D-03; Specification Section 32 31 19, 1.03.B.2, 1.05.D, 2.06, 3.04.C, 3.06, 3.07; Sheets R-03, L-03A

Section 32 31 19 3.04.C requires post holes of not less than 4 times the post size in diameter and not less than 24" deep for a 4-ft fence, while Sheet D-03 details 12" diameter x 3'-6" deep footings — nearly double the concrete. Please confirm the D-03 footing governs. Additionally, 2.06/3.06/3.07 require a fence grounding system with grounding rods and contractor-paid megger testing, including grounding at overhead power line crossings; the Snyder fence alignment runs adjacent to utility poles with overhead leads and guy wires. Please confirm whether fence grounding and grounding-resistance testing are required for this 4-ft decorative panel fence. Please also confirm whether PE-sealed structural analysis (1.03.B.2, 105 mph design wind) is required for the standard Ameristar WireWorks Plus product, and whether the 1.05.D full-panel field mockup is required in addition to the salvaged-panel work. Finally, Detail D-03 requires footings to bear on UNDISTURBED SUBGRADE, but the new fence alignments follow the existing fence lines, where existing post footings will have just been removed; new post locations will unavoidably coincide with or abut backfilled removal excavations. Please provide the required backfill material and compaction standard for removed-footing excavations along the fence alignments, or confirm acceptance of new footings bearing partially in compacted backfill.

Requested response: governing footing diameter and depth; grounding and grounding-resistance testing required — yes or no; PE-sealed analysis required — yes or no; field mockup required — yes or no; backfill and compaction standard at removed-footing locations.

City Response:

- Detail D-03 footing governs.
- No grounding, PE-sealed analysis or field mockup required.
- In regard to backfill, contractor to recompact disturbed sub-grade to 95% proctor in designated lift heights.

Question 25: Earthwork — Topsoil Depth (4" vs. 6") and Compaction Requirements by Area Type

References: Specification Section 31 22 14, 3.3.A.4, 3.4.B, 3.5.B.5; Specification Section 32 92 00 (topsoil placement); Specification Section 32 91 13 (soil density/penetrometer requirements)

Section 31 22 14 requires grading to allow "not less than 4 inches" for topsoil, while Section 32 92 00 requires topsoil placed to a depth of 6 inches beneath lawn areas — a 50% quantity difference on imported, lab-tested topsoil. Additionally, Section 31 22 14 3.4.B requires 95% modified Proctor compaction of the top 12" of subgrade and each fill lift in all areas, while Section 32 91 13 requires planting and lawn soils to be de-compacted/tilled to a specified penetrometer resistance and states surface rototilling is not adequate to relieve over-compaction.

Please confirm (a) the required topsoil depth, and (b) compaction requirements by area type (pavements/structures vs. lawn vs. planting areas), so that grading and landscape subcontractors are not specified to compact and then de-compact the same soils.

Requested response: governing topsoil depth in inches; and compaction requirement stated separately for pavement/structure areas, lawn areas, and planting areas.

City Response:

- Topsoil depths within planting beds to follow planting details.
- Topsoil depth within lawn areas to follow section 329200 (6").
- Planting and lawn areas to average an 80% proctor per 32 91 13.
- Pavements/structures to follow applicable sections 03 30 00 and 32 13 13.

Question 26: Storm — Applicability of Sewer-Main Requirements to 4" Underdrain Scope (Tracer Wire, Testing, Solid Pipe Material, Bedding)

References: Specification Section 33 41 00, 2.01, 2.04–2.05, 2.07 and exfiltration testing provisions; Specification Section 31 23 17, 2.1.B; Details D, E / Sheet D-02; Sheets L-02B, L-03A

Section 33 41 00 is written for storm sewer mains (SDR-26/DIP/HDPE pipe, manholes, catch basins, tracer wire with lockable connectors, exfiltration testing), while the drawn Division 33 scope consists of 4" perforated PVC underdrains connecting to existing cleanouts and drywells, plus drinking fountain connections. Please confirm: (a) whether tracer wire is required on the 4" underdrain laterals; (b) whether exfiltration testing is required for connections to existing piping; (c) the required material for new SOLID pipe runs between underdrains, cleanouts, and drywells (Detail D / D-02 states "refer to plans for pipe material," but the plans do not specify new solid pipe material); and (d) the governing bedding gradation — CA-11 per Section 31 23 17 vs. washed CA-7 per Detail E / D-02.

Requested response: tracer wire — yes or no; exfiltration testing — yes or no; new solid pipe material and SDR/schedule; governing bedding gradation.

City Response:

- Tracer wire is not needed.
- Exfiltration testing is not needed.
- Only perforated pipe on this project.
- Follow detail E/D -02 for bedding gradation.

Question 27: Turf — Establishment Period, Seeding Season vs. Project Schedule, and Maintenance Requirements

References: Specification Section 32 92 00 (planting season, establishment, maintenance, watering); Bid Documents p.1/p.29 (Substantial Completion November 13, 2026)

Section 32 92 00 permits seeding through November 15, and Substantial Completion is November 13, 2026. However, seeding performed in late October or November in this climate is dormant seeding: soil temperatures no longer support germination, and the seed will not germinate until spring 2027. The Section's acceptance standard of 90% coverage therefore cannot be achieved in 2026 for restoration areas seeded at the end of the work, regardless of compliance with the seeding window. The maintenance period duration is not stated; one paragraph requires grass maintained at 3 inches while another requires a maximum height of 2-1/2 inches; and water is to be supplied by the Contractor "from his own source," while another paragraph references hose bibbs at "the project building," which do not exist at all three parks.

Please confirm: (a) whether dormant seeding is acceptable with establishment evaluated in spring 2027; (b) the defined duration of the turf maintenance/establishment period and its relationship to retainage and Final Acceptance; (c) the governing mowing height; and (d) noting that Section 01 00 00 1.6 assigns water to the General Contractor and the referenced hose bibbs do not exist at all three parks, whether the City will permit metered fire hydrant use at or near each park for construction water (dust control, power washing, and turf establishment watering) through the Utilities Division hydrant permit process, and the applicable permit, meter deposit, and usage rates to be assumed for bidding.

Requested response: dormant seeding acceptable — yes or no; maintenance period duration in calendar days; governing mowing height; hydrant use permitted — yes or no, with applicable fees and rates.

City Response:

- Dormant seeding is acceptable.
- Contractor to achieve 90% establishment. 5% retention will be held on seeding until final acceptance.
- Mowing height to be set at 3".
- See response 4 regarding water availability.

Question 28: Plants — Warranty Applicability to Transplanted Material

References: Specification Section 32 93 00, 1.14; Sheets R-02, R-03, P-01

Section 32 93 00 provides a 12-month installer warranty for plantings. The drawings require transplanting existing material (a 5' magnolia and 6' redbud plus nine 36" shrubs at Eggleston Park; one shrub at Snyder Tot Lot), whose survival depends substantially on the existing condition and root structure of plants the Contractor did not grow or select.

Please confirm whether transplanted material is included in the 12-month warranty, excluded, or subject to replacement via the General Allowance, and whether tree watering devices and guarantee-period site visits apply to transplants.

City Response:

- Transplants are to be treated as newly planted plants. A 12-month warranty, tree watering devices, and guarantee period site visits to apply.

Question 29: Site Furnishings — Park Sign Sole Source vs. Custom Detail; Rules Sign Post Color

References: Specification Section 12 93 00, 2.5, 2.6; Details A, B, C / Sheet D-04

Section 12 93 00 2.5 identifies the park sign as the “City of Evanston Standard Park Sign” by South Water Signs, while Sheet D-04 details a custom assembly (3form 1/4” Koda XT “Bliss” resin panel, specified aluminum extrusions, reflective sheeting, Helvetica Neue typography, and specified colors).

Please confirm that the D-04 details govern the sign configuration and that South Water Signs’ standard product conforms, or identify which governs in the event of difference. Please also confirm the baked enamel post color noted “TBD” for the park/tot lot rules signs (Detail C / D-04).

City Response:

- Contractor to utilize South Water Signs or an approved equal.
- TBD color to be black

Question 30: Fence Demolition — Disposition of Posts/Gates/Footings and Panel Detachment Standard [Rev 5]

References: Sheets R-02, R-03; Detail A / Sheet D-03; Specification Section 32 31 19, 2.04; Specification Section 02 41 13

Sheets R-02 and R-03 require removal of the existing fence systems including posts, gates, and fence footings, with panels salvaged (for reinstallation at Eggleston Park; for City stockpiling or Alternate 1 use at Snyder Tot Lot), and Detail A / Sheet D-03 and Section 32 31 19 2.04 provide for reinstallation of salvaged panels on new posts and new brackets. Please confirm: (a) that existing posts, gates, and concrete footings are to be removed and legally disposed of by the Contractor and are not salvage items; (b) the acceptable method of detaching panels from existing posts where panels are

welded or otherwise permanently fastened, and the condition standard salvaged panels must meet for reinstallation (including any required repair or recoating of cut connection points); and (c) that panels rendered unusable as a result of their existing attachment conditions — as distinct from Contractor negligence — will be replaced with new matching panels as Allowance work under Section 01 21 00 rather than at Contractor cost.

Requested response: posts/gates/footings disposed by Contractor — yes or no; acceptable detachment method and panel condition standard; payment basis for panels unusable due to existing attachment conditions.

City Response:

- Confirmed that all posts, gates and concrete footings are to be removed and legally disposed of by contractor.
- Contractor to assess existing fence condition and assess removal means and methods. Existing posts are wood with brackets. Existing panels are in good condition and will need to be carefully salvaged by contractor.
- If additional panels are needed, they will be assessed as an allowance.

Note: Acknowledgment of this Addendum is required in the Bid.

EXHIBIT A – BID FORM
For
2026 Playground Improvements
(BID #26-30)

1.01 BID TO:

THE CITY OF EVANSTON
909 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201

Hereinafter called "OWNER".

1.02 BID FROM:

(Hereinafter call "BIDDER")

Address

Telephone Number

Fax Number

1.03 BID FOR: **2026 PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

1.04 ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

- A. The Bidder, in compliance with the Invitation for Bids, having carefully examined the Drawings and Project Manual with related documents and having visited the site of the proposed Work, and being familiar with all of the existing conditions and limitations surrounding the construction of the proposed project, including the structure of the ground, subsurface conditions, the obstacles which may be encountered, local restrictions, and all other relevant matters concerning the Work to be performed, hereby PROPOSES to perform everything required to be performed, and to provide all labor, materials, necessary tools and equipment, expendable equipment, all applicable permits and taxes and fees, and provide all utility and transportation services necessary to perform and complete in a workmanlike manner the Project in accordance with all the plans, specifications and related Contract Documents as prepared by the City of Evanston.
- B. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Invitation of Bids, Instruction to Bidder, the Project Manual, Drawings, and other Contract Documents, and acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

Addendum No. _____ Dated _____

1.05 GENERAL STATEMENTS

- A. The undersigned has checked all of the figures contained in this proposal and further understands that the Owner will not be responsible for any errors or omissions made therein by the undersigned.
- B. It is understood that the right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, to waive all informality in connection therewith and to award a Contract for any part of the work or the Project as a whole.
- C. The undersigned declares that the person(s) signing this proposal is/are fully authorized to sign on behalf of the named firm and to fully bind the named firm to all the conditions and provisions thereof.
- D. It is agreed that no person(s) or company other than the firm listed below or as otherwise indicated hereinafter has any interest whatsoever in this proposal or the Contract that may be entered into as a result thereof, and that in all respects the proposal is legal and fair, submitted in good faith, without collusion or fraud.
- E. It is agreed that the undersigned has complied and/or will comply with all requirements concerning licensing and with all other local, state and national laws, and that no legal requirement has been or will be violated in making or accepting this proposal, in awarding the Contract to him, and/or in the prosecution of the Work required hereunder.
- F. To be considered a bona fide offer, this proposal must be completed in full and accompanied by a bid deposit or a bid bond when required by Contract Documents or Addenda.

1.06 ALTERNATES

- A. When alternate proposals are required by Contract Documents or Addenda thereto, the undersigned proposes to perform alternates for herein stated additions to or deductions from hereinbefore stated Base Bid. Additions and deductions include all modifications of Work or additional Work that the undersigned may be required to perform by reason of the acceptance of alternates.

1.07 ALLOWANCE

- A. The allowance is intended to address items not able to be precisely determined prior to bidding including unforeseen conditions that are discovered during the course of construction. At the end of the project, unspent allowance shall be credited to owner via change order. See Section 01 21 00 – Allowances for additional information.

1.08 AGREEMENT

- A. In submitting this Bid, the undersigned agrees:
 - 1. To hold this Bid open for sixty (60) days from the submittal date.

2. To enter into and execute a Contract with the Owner within ten (10) days after receiving Notice of Award from the Owner.
 3. To accomplish the work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 4. To complete the work by the time stipulated in the General Conditions
- B. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities in Bidding.

1.09 SCHEDULE

- A. See General Conditions for the required schedule of completion dates.

1.10 PROPOSED PRICES

- A. The Bidder hereby proposes to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, construction plant, and facilities necessary to complete, in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the contract documents, the contract of work bid upon herein for compensation in accordance with the following prices:

BASE BID AMOUNT: \$ _____

ALLOWANCE (ADDITIONAL WORK – GENERAL): \$ _____ +75,000

TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT: \$ _____

ALTERNATE 1 – EGGLESTON FENCING EXTENSION

This alternate includes utilizing 230 lf of salvaged panels (panel fence type 1) from Snyder Tot-Lot and installing on new 2"x2" posts. Also included is the addition of 100 lf of new panel fence type 2 as depicted in the construction documents. The ADD/DEDUCT LUMP SUM PRICE, if awarded to the undersigned, shall be:

ALTERNATE 1 AMOUNT: \$ _____

1.11 UNIT PRICING LIST

The undersigned submits the following UNIT PRICING LIST to be performed as shown on the Plans and/or described in the Specifications, and agrees that items of work not specifically mentioned in the Schedule which are necessary and required to complete the work intended shall be done incidental to and as part of the work for which a unit price is given, and understands that no additional payment will be made for such incidental work from the estimated quantities shown below. Unit prices for individual line items shall be used for the project's schedule of values, pay applications and will also be used to determine the amount to ADD TO or DEDUCT FROM the contract LUMP SUM PRICE for properly authorized additional or deducted work. Bidders shall examine plans and determine actual work items and quantities for the work involved for bid analysis by the Owner. **Include the cost for the base bid quantity of each unit price item below in the Lump Sum Base Bid Amount above.**

Item	Description	Unit	Base Bid Quantity	Add Unit Cost *	Deduct Unit Cost **
1	Joint Grinding: per G-01 Layout Note 17	SF	100	\$	\$
2	Expansion Joint Repair per G-01 Note 16	LF	100	\$	\$

- * Add costs to be provided by Bidder
- ** Deduct costs to be provided by Bidder

1.12 BID SECURITY

If required by the bid documents, a scanned copy of the bid bond must be included with the bid electronic submission. The City is currently not able to accept a certified check, bank cashier's check or electronic bid bond at this time.

- A. The City of Evanston Civic Center is unable to receive in person drop-off and it is closed to the public. The original bid bond must be mailed within ten (10) days after the due date, to the City of Evanston Purchasing Department, 909 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201 Attention Purchasing Manager using the USPS (certified or priority), UPS or FedEx mail options in order to have a tracking number.
- B. Accompanying this electronic submittal is a scanned copy of a bank draft, bid bond, Cashier's check or Certified check as surety in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Total Bid payable to the City of Evanston.

The amount of the check or draft is: \$ _____

If this bid is accepted and the undersigned shall fail to execute a contract and contract bond as required it is hereby agreed that the amount of the check or draft or bidder's bond substituted in lieu thereof, shall become the property of the City and shall be considered as payment of damages due to delay and other causes suffered by the City because of the failure to execute said contract and contract bond; otherwise said check or draft shall be returned to the undersigned.

In the event that one check or draft is intended to cover two or more bids, the amount must be equal to the sum of the project proposal guarantees of the individual sections covered.

If the check or draft is placed on another project proposal, state below where it may be found, as follows: The check or draft will be found in the project proposal for: _____

1.13 PERFORMANCE/PAYMENT BOND

The undersigned bidder agrees to provide Performance Bond and Payment Bond executed in accordance with Contract Performance Bond form furnished by and acceptable to the Owner written with _____

_____ in the amount of 100% of the Contract Sum (Total Base Bid and all accepted alternatives and adjustments) the cost of which is included in the Bid.

Cost of bond for change order is _____ percent of change order cost.

1.14 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

The undersigned Bidder understands and agrees to the provisions stated under "LIQUIDATED DAMAGES" in the General Conditions and shall be assessed at the specified daily rate for each calendar day or partial calendar day until completion as defined herein.

1.15 MATERIAL SUBSTITUTION SHEET

The following is a schedule of substitute materials I propose to furnish on this job, with the difference in price being added to or deducted from the Base Bid. The Base Bid is understood to include only those items which are definitely specified by trade names or otherwise.

I understand that if no price difference is indicated, then the selection of materials is optional with the Owner, and approval or rejection of the substitution below will be indicated prior to signing of Contracts.

<u>PRODUCT NAME AND/OR MANUFACTURER</u>	<u>ADD</u>	<u>DEDUCT</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

1.16 PROPOSAL SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

A. SOLE PROPRIETOR

Signature of Bidder: _____

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of ____, 20__

Notary Public

Commission Expires: _____

B. PARTNERSHIP

Signature of All Partners: _____

Name (typed or printed)

Name (typed or printed)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of ____, 20__

Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

C. CORPORATION

Signature of Authorized Official: _____

Title: _____

Name above (typed or printed): _____

(If other than the president, attach a certified copy of that section of corporate by-laws or other authorization by the Corporation which permits the person to execute the offer for the Corporation.)

(Corporate Seal)

Attest: _____

Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this ____ day of ____, 20__

Commission Expires: _____

Notary Public

1.17 DISCLOSURE

- A. The undersigned duly sworn deposes and says on oath that the bidder has withheld no disclosures of ownership interest and the information provided herein to the best of its knowledge is current and said undersigned has not entered into any agreement with any other bidder or prospective bidder or with any other person, firm or corporation relating to the price named in said proposal or any other proposal, nor any agreement or arrangement under which any person, firm or corporation is to refrain from bidding, nor any agreement or arrangement for any act or omission in restraint of free competition among bidders and has not disclosed to any person, firm or corporation the terms of this bid or the price named herein.

Bidder: _____

Business Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

1.18 CONTACTS

- A. In the event the Evanston City Council approves this bid response, list the name, address, telephone, and fax number of the person to be contacted:

Bidder: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

1.19 REFERENCES

A. Provide three (3) references for which your firm has completed work of a similar scope in the past.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Contract Value: _____

Contract Dates: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Contract Value: _____

Contract Dates: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Contract Value: _____

Contract Dates: _____

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SECTION 01 27 00

UNIT PRICES

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and other Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes administrative and procedural requirements for unit prices.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. Unit price is a price per unit of measurement for materials or services provided in the Contract. The unit prices shall be added to or deducted from the Contract Sum by appropriate modification, if estimated quantities of Work required by the Contract Documents are increased or decreased.

1.4 PROCEDURES

- A. Unit prices include all necessary material, plus cost for delivery, installation, insurance, bonding, overhead, and profit.
- B. Owner reserves the right to reject Contractor's measurement of work-in-place that involves use of established unit prices and to have this work measured, at Owner's expense, by an independent surveyor acceptable to Contractor.
- C. List of Unit Prices: A list of unit prices is included at the end of this Section. Specification Sections referenced in the schedule contain requirements for materials described under each unit price.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS (Not Used)

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 LIST OF UNIT PRICES

Unit Price No. 1 – Joint Grinding

Description: Per sheet G-01, this item shall include all pavement within the construction fenced areas. Within this zone, grind any/all joints where vertical changes in level exceed 1/4" to meet ADA compliance.

Unit of Measurement: Square Feet

Unit Price No. 2 – Expansion Joint Repair

Description: Per sheet G-01, this item shall include all pavement within the construction fenced areas. Within this zone, rout and seal all concrete expansion joints.

Unit of Measurement: Linear Feet

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END OF SECTION 01 27 00