

Questions and Answers from outside entities and from the Pre-Proposal Conference of June 7, 2011 for RFP No. 068-LL10 – Use of School Board-Owned Recreational Facilities

1. **Question:**

Since the term “recreational facilities” is so broadly defined, what will be the impact on after school programs at elementary schools that utilize the playground and the outdoor space for part of the program? Access to those spaces are required in order to secure a license from DCF to operate.

Answer:

It is not anticipated that existing, valid agreements or contractual obligations between after school care providers and the School Board will be impacted by this RFP. However, the foregoing does not serve to waive any of the School Board’s rights under any existing agreement.

2. **Question:**

Are after school care providers considered exempted, and if so, where is that stated in the RFP?

Answer:

As stated above, it is not anticipated that existing, valid agreements with the School Board will be impacted by this RFP. However, the foregoing does not serve to waive any of the School Board’s rights under any existing agreement.

3. **Question:**

After school programs are required to be licensed by DCF. In order to obtain a license, among other items, programs are required to have access to playground areas during their program hours of 2:00-6:00 p.m. Some of the elementary schools listed in the RFP are served by YWCA and by other nonprofit providers. Are we now required to submit a response to this RFP and pay an additional fee for use of these outside play areas?

Answer:

A response to this RFP is not required where a party currently has the right to use the recreational facilities at a school site, under a valid agreement with the School Board. If parties wish to utilize the recreational facilities at times other than as currently provided for in their agreement, or at other school sites

where a valid agreement with the School Board does not exist, a response to this RFP would be required.

4. **Question:**

The YWCA already has a contract with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide after school care and in said contract we are allowed access to the necessary play areas in order to provide a quality program between the hours of 2:00-4:00 p.m. How will this be addressed?

Answer:

As stated above, it is not anticipated that existing, valid agreements with the School Board will be impacted by this RFP. However, the foregoing does not serve to waive any of the School Board's rights under any existing agreement.

5. **Question:**

Where can I obtain more detailed information regarding the individual facilities and/or property available under this RFP?

Answer:

The RFP initially makes available to Proposers the potential to use the recreational facilities at any Board-owned school site. As part of the Phase I Submittal, Proposers are required to provide a general description of the recreational facilities or amenities they wish to use at each school site they wish to pursue. On-site visits will be authorized subsequent to the Phase I Submittal and pursuant to the process outlined in Section V of the RFP. Proposers will then be required to provide the specific recreational areas and/or recreational amenities and facilities they wish to use at each site as part of the Phase II Submittal, based on the recreational areas and/or recreational facilities and amenities approved by the site administrator and Region during the review process.

6. **Question:**

Are any of these facilities currently under any other management, operating, lease or concession agreement?

Answer:

Subsequent to the Phase I Submittal, the site(s) noted in each Phase I Submittal Application will be forwarded to the respective site administrators and Regions for approval or declination of the site. As part of this review

process, the District will determine if the sites being pursued are the subject of any agreement which would preclude use of the site by Proposers. If a site is declined for this or any other reason, the process ends for the affected site, and the District shall return the applicable \$500 processing fee check to the Proposer.

7. **Question:**

Would the District be willing to modify the requirement that Proposers be a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, in order to allow for-profit entities to participate in the RFP?

Answer:

Pursuant to the requirements of the RFP, entities submitting proposals must be tax exempt, not-for-profit organizations pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The District is unable to amend the requirements of the RFP to include for-profit entities.

8. **Question:**

When proposals are received, what information can the District share with the public or other entities?

Answer:

This RFP falls under the Cone of Silence, which commenced with the issuance of the legal advertisement and ends at the time the School Board acts on a written recommendation from the Superintendent to award or approve a contract, to reject all bids or responses, or to take any other action which ends the solicitation and review process. However, any information or documentation requested via an official public information request, which is considered public, will be provided to the requestor in accordance with the public information request process.