



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of October 24, 2009**

DATE: October 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve an Award of Contract for The Reconstruction of the Playground at Bluemont Park located at 5800 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia, Invitation to Bid Number 367-09.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Award of Contract Number 367-09 in the amount of \$589,600.00 to MCA Construction, Inc. and approve an allocation of \$58,960.00 as a contingency for change orders for a total contract authorization of \$648,560.00.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the contract documents and all other documents to implement the above actions, subject to review of such documents by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: The County Board is being requested to approve the Award of Contract to allow the reconstruction of the playground and other accessibility site improvements at Bluemont Park. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: Bluemont Park is a beautiful 52-acre pastoral park which offers a cornucopia of activities including biking, jogging, hiking, basketball, frisbee golf, baseball, tennis, volleyball, a school-age playground, picnic areas, multi-use paved trails and natural areas with streams. This park is heavily used by all residents of Arlington County.

The existing playground, which was last renovated in the late 1980's, consists of non-accessible aging play equipment, sand safety surfacing and a few benches. The reconstructed playground will be fully accessible and provide separate themed play areas for tots and school-age children, sandbox with hand pump, benches, picnic tables, paths, drinking fountain, ground hydrant and landscape boulders. During the construction of this project, efforts will be taken to re-use the existing aggregate subbase and gravel path as subbase for the new pavement. The large landscape boulders for seating and stabilization will be brought in from another County site which were excavated while performing site work.

County Manager: RCMAA

County Attorney: SAM

Staff: Bernadette Grullón, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

BACKGROUND: In October 2008, a community process was initiated to develop conceptual designs for the reconstruction of the playground at Bluemont Park. County staff met with a workgroup of volunteers from the neighborhood and Boulevard Manor Civic Association at various times to discuss the amenities in the playground, address some community concerns and work out a timeline for the implementation of the design.

In February 2009, the Boulevard Manor Civic Association approved the final concept for the reconstruction of the playground. Shortly thereafter, staff began the preparation of construction documents for site clearing and restoration, removal of miscellaneous above and below grade site improvements, site drainage, paving, wood decking, play equipment and site furnishings.

DISCUSSION: The County received the following bids on October 7, 2009 in response to Invitation to Bid Number 367-09:

BIDDER	BID
MCA Construction, Inc	\$589,600.00
Jeffrey Stack, Inc.	\$590,000.00
John L. Mattingly Construction Co, Inc.	\$595,911.00
Fort Myer Construction Corp.	\$628,289.00
Hughes & Smith, Inc.	\$709,355.00
Triple J Construction, Inc.	\$719,651.00
Bennett Group of Virginia, Inc.	\$753,177.00

The lowest responsive bid for the construction of the playground was received by MCA Construction, Inc. This Contractor was determined to be a responsible bidder. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to MCA Construction, Inc.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for the Reconstruction of the Playground at Bluemont Park will be drawn from the Park Bonds Fund (Fund 324).

