



September 12th, 2024

Mr. Alex Farned, Director of Parks and Recreation
City of Tupelo
71 East Troy Street
Tupelo, MS 38804

**RE: City of Tupelo, Department of Parks and Recreation –
Playground at Ballard Park, Request for Proposal**

Dear Mr. Farned:

Proposals were received on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024, on the above-noted project. There were 7 proposals submitted that met the requirements set forth in the RFP listed as follows: Burke Recreation (Planet Recess), Innovative Recreation, Landscape Structures (Moonshot Recreation), Struthers Recreation, Pelican Playgrounds, Bliss Products, and Wilco Services (Midsouth Recreation). All offerers submitted proposals for an ADA accessible playground ranging in cost from \$1,831,341.19 to \$2,000,000.00 (see attached bid tab).

A selection committee ranked proposals based on the scoring criteria specified in the RFP as follows: Bliss Products **93.76%** , Struthers Recreation **93.10%** , Burke Recreation (Planet Recess) **92.99%** , Pelican Playgrounds **92.00%** , Structures (Moonshot Recreation) **89.52%** , Innovative Recreation **87.11%** , and Wilco Services (Midsouth Recreation) **86.28%** . Please see attached scorecards.

Based on the collective scoring criteria, it is my recommendation to accept the proposal from Bliss Products based upon their submitted proposal for the **Base Bid amount of \$2,000,000.00.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at (662) 432-4146.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shipman Sloan', written in a cursive style.

Shipman Sloan, PLA

pc: Alex Farned, Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Lewis, COO; Traci Dillard, Finance; Missy Shelton, Council Clerk
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