

City of Portsmouth  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
Department of Public Works

### **INVITATION TO BID**

**Sealed** bid proposals, **plainly marked**, (Maple Haven Park Playground Equipment Bid Proposal # 03-06) **on the outside of the mailing envelope as well as the sealed bid envelope**, addressed to the Finance/Purchasing Department, City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, 03801, will be accepted until March 8, 2006, 1:30pm at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work shall consist of designing, supplying, storing, delivering and installing playground equipment; supplying, storing, delivering and installing geotextile drainage fabric; and supplying, storing, delivering and installing safety surfacing material. **Playground equipment shall be Landscape Structures or approved equal.** Bidders shall refer particularly to the Technical Specifications section of the bid documents for specific requirements for work to be completed. Only bidders with experience in designing and installing playground equipment, geotextile fabric and safety surfacing will be considered for award.

Installation will take place in the Spring of 2006 (weather dependent). Winning bidder will provide storage of playground equipment, geotextile fabric and safety surfacing until installation or may arrange for delivery on day of installation. Site preparation shall be performed by others according to design plans provided with the bid documents. Winning bidder shall cooperate with City and site work general contractor (to be determined) on site preparation so that the site is acceptable to the playground installer. Winning bidder will coordinate with the site work general contractor (to be determined) responsible for site preparation, on delivery and installation dates.

Successful bidder is responsible for contacting underground utility companies and Dig Safe (1-800-DIG-SAFE) at least 72 hours prior to the start of work.

Specifications and bid proposal forms may be obtained from the Finance/Purchasing Department on the third floor at the above address unless otherwise specified, or by visiting the City's website at [www.cityofportsmouth.com](http://www.cityofportsmouth.com).

Completion date will be 60 calendar days from the date of the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages shall be assessed at \$50.00 per day.

Bidders are advised to visit the site, means of approach and egress so as to inform themselves thoroughly as to all difficulties involved in completion of the work. Failure to do so will not relieve the bidder of any obligations the bidder assumes by acceptance of the work. Contractor is responsible for verifying all dimensions on the plans and for computing quantities. Bidders must determine the quantities of work required and the conditions under which the work will be performed.

The City of Portsmouth reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive technical or legal deficiencies, and to accept any bid that it may deem to be in the best interest of the City.

Each Bidder shall furnish a bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid. The Bid Security may be in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of New Hampshire or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Hampshire, made payable to the City of Portsmouth, N.H.