REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPLASH PAD

Issue Date: November 25, 2019
Submission Deadline: January 15, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

Hard copy proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to:

GORDON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Attn: Mr. Martin Vaughn, Purchasing Manager
201 N. Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701

Request for Proposal (RFP) title, submission deadline, and the Proposer’s name and return address should appear on the face of the envelope.

Email all questions to info@carterwatkins.com
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Overview
The Gordon County Board of Commissioners, in an effort to provide a variety of recreational activities to its citizens, is seeking proposals for the design and construction of a Splash Pad at the County Park located at 7494 Fairmount Road, Calhoun, GA 30701.

Project Scope Statement
This Request for Proposal consists of the design, supply and installation of splash pad. In conjunction with the Splash Pad, Gordon County is contracting separately for the site work (rough prep for Splash Pad) and pavilion (restrooms and patio) structure to augment the Splash Park. The separate contract will include the provision of utilities to within ten (10) feet of the designated connection points for the Splash Pad.

Scope of Work – General
Proposers will be expected to provide conceptual and detailed design, supply and installation of splash pad equipment as necessary for the complete functioning of the splash pad system. In addition, it is required that incidental and minor items, specified or implied by the nature of this type of work, be completed within the Proposer’s scope of work.

A high degree of coordination between the successful Proposer, the Pavilion Contractor and Gordon County will be required.

Proposal Submission
The Proposer shall submit Five (5) original color copies of their proposed splash pad, equipment, and overall concept plan, in color renderings, to show the distribution of all play elements and be prepared to provide a Pre-Award Presentation of plan to the Gordon County Board of Commissioners and Recreation Director.

*The Gordon County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals at its discretion. The lowest cost will not necessarily be accepted.

Proposals must be submitted as follows:

PROPOSAL CLOSING DATE: January 15, 2020 – 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION:
GORDON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
Attn: Mr. Martin Vaughn, Purchasing Director
201 North Wall Street
Calhoun, GA 30701

Project Contact
The Proposer shall direct any and all questions relating to this RFP via email no later than five (5) business days prior to the closing date. Should any error, ambiguity, divergence, omission, oversight, contradiction, or item subject to interpretation be identified in this RFP, the Proposer shall, as it is discovered, notify the Architect, via email, requesting instruction, decision, direction or clarification of the same.

The Architect’s email address is:

info@carterwatkins.com
Location and Design
The County’s Sonoraville Recreation Complex is centrally located and can be easily accessed by both residents and visitors. The existing services and amenities in the park include a Recreation Center, Tennis Courts, Soccer Fields, Baseball fields, and pavilions.

Proposers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with proposed location and the surrounding neighbourhood context. Designs should note the aesthetic environment of the park and reference in the overall design approach as submitted in their proposal.

The splash pad must be designed with the following operational system:

**Flow-Through** – no dichlorination unit to be utilized. Water to be discharged to the closest storm sewer manhole into municipal water system. (refer to drawings).

**Re-circulating splash pad systems are not acceptable. Significant emphasis should be placed on water conservation measures.**

Play Zone – General
This area shall be designed for the demographics as determined by the Proposer. At a minimum, 2-5 year old and 6-12 year old cohorts should be considered.

The splash pad must be operable “on-demand” during established operating times by means of accessible above-grade push buttons on a weather and vandal-resistant activator. At-grade activators are not acceptable.

The controller shall be programmed with an automated sequencing of water features that is initiated by the activator. Each sequence shall include a minimum of two (2) minutes of features control and shall involve multiple water elements. Programming shall be completed by the Proposer.
The Gordon County Board of Commissioners would like to see a focus on water and energy conservation noted within the proposal.

**Project Budget:**

1. **TOTAL PRICE:** Proposals for the splash pad are to be tailored to County’s budget limit of $148,750.00 (excluding 10% contingency) inclusive of all materials, labor, taxes, and are subject to budget approval*

*NOTE: this total budget price excludes costs associated with running services to the splash pad area (as this work will be completed in another contract).

**Project Requirements and Specifications - General**
Proposer scope of services shall include, and be in accordance with:

a) Meeting with Owner to discuss design details and secure final design approval within the submitted budget;

b) Pre-award Presentation of plan to the Owner;

c) Supply a list of component parts and replacement costs; and

d) Provide complete set of “As-Built” drawings (CAD file and PDF version), an Operation and Maintenance manual for approval by the Owner, prior to release of final payment.

e) Provide estimated annual operational costs of proposed designs.

**Part 1: GENERAL CLAUSES**

The aquatic play products shall be suitable for installation in municipal and commercial aquatic facilities and public play areas.

Products shall be specifically designed for the use by children and adults and follow the ASTM F2461-09 norm. In addition, products shall be manufactured by a company that has at least five (5) years of experience in the design and engineering of children’s aquatic play areas.

Any aquatic play product belonging to a new product line or series should demonstrate meeting the effective norm or show the conformity and resistance of the prescribed materials if it is proposed equivalency. The contractor or manufacturer must demonstrate meeting specifications by providing technical documents and drawings to be included in their bid proposal.

1.1 **PRODUCT CONSTRUCTION**

**A. Play Products:** All aquatic play products installed above and below grade shall be manufactured from 304/304L stainless steel. The anchoring system shall be manufactured from 304/304L stainless steel. Rigid centricast fiber reinforced (FRP) and/or molded fiberglass, PVC, filament wound tubing, Galvanized Steel, or Aluminum shall not be utilized for any above or below grade play product structures.

**B. Mounting and Assembly Hardware:** All hardware and anchoring systems shall be 304/304L or 316 stainless steel. All Play Products and Ground Spay systems shall include an integrated anchoring and leveling system facilitating installation and a flush surface finish. Exposed and accessible hardware shall be tamper resistant, requiring a special tool for removal to deter vandalism and theft.

**C. Spray nozzles, caps and heads:** Shall be manufactured from lead free brass, UHMWPE or Polyurethane and shall use tamper resistant tools for installation and removal. PVC, Nylon, and Delrin™, shall not be utilized. All grade level play products are to be furnished with appropriate winterization caps.
D. **Painted Finish:** Shall be a polyester smooth glossy heat-cured powder coat that is UV and chemical resistant and suitable for public spaces. **Material for Paneling, Signage, Water Deflection, and Toe Guards:** All Polyethylene, Polyurethane, Elastomers and Seeflow Polymers used for paneling, signage or water deflection shall be resistant to chlorinated water and be ultraviolet stabilized to inhibit sunlight fading.

E. **Safety & Craftsmanship:** All accessible edges shall be machined to a rounded finish. All welds shall be watertight, buffed smooth or polished to a non-visible finish and factory pressure tested. Accessible nozzles and spray heads shall be recessed to ensure a completely safe play environment with no pinch points, head entrapments or protrusion hazards. All products shall be designed in accordance with ASTM F1487, ASTM F-2461 and CSA Z614-98 regulations for public playgrounds.

F. **Lexan Polymer:** The Lexan Polymer shall be specially selected for aquatic play products and shall have the following characteristics: translucent, highly resistant to shock and impact vandalism and must be non-flammable. The polymer shall present dimensional stability a high resistance towards chemical products, ultra violts rays and be transparent presenting crystal clear surface throughout.

G. **Seeflow Polymer:** The Seeflow Polymer shall be specially selected for aquatic play products and shall have the following characteristics: translucent, highly resistant to shock and impact vandalism and must be non-flammable. The polymer shall present dimensional stability a high resistance towards chemical products, ultra violts rays and be transparent presenting crystal clear surface throughout.

### 1.2 PLAY PRODUCT INSTALLATION

A. **Safeswap Anchoring and leveling Systems:** The Stainless Steel Safeswap Anchoring System shall provide the ability to add/remove/interchange select play products without having to incur any additional infrastructure costs. The anchoring system shall have an integrated leveling system facilitating installation and a flush finished to the activity deck surface without any protruding bolts or hardware. The Play Product shall be fastened directly to the Safeswap Anchoring system. The dead and live loads shall be distributed onto the Safeswap Anchoring system flange plate. A neoprene sealing gasket shall provide a water tight seal between the play product flange and Safeswap flange. Mechanical fastening of the Play Products to the activity deck slab shall be prohibited unless used on elevation with Toe Guards.

B. **Embedded Anchoring and leveling Systems:** The anchoring system shall have an integrated leveling system facilitating installation, ensuring product is plumb and installed at the desired height.

C. When applicable, templates shall be supplied to facilitate the installation of embedded anchoring equipment.

D. All play products shall have electrical grounding studs incorporated into their associated anchoring equipment. All play products shall be grounded by the installer per local codes.

E. All installation conduit wiring including electrical supply panel, PVC connections, piping, elbows, tees, play product assembly if required and other items relating to the installation shall be supplied by the general contractor.

F. **Drawings and Instructions:** Product drawings and installation manuals shall be supplied by the manufacturer for ease of installation.

### 1.3 PRODUCT DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

A. All aquatic play products and associated equipment must be properly wrapped and secured in place while in transport to the project site. Care shall be observed during offloading and handling to prevent excessive stress and abrasions.

B. At the site, the play products and associated equipment are to be stored in safe areas, out of the way of traffic and other construction activities, until the actual time of installation. If required, safety barricades or other like precautions must be taken for the protection of public and adjacent property.
C. Protective wrapping on the aquatic play features must be left in place until construction work for the Splashpad is complete.

1.4 COMMISSIONING OF THE SPLASHPAD

Upon completion of construction, the general contractor shall provide the owner/operator adequate training on facility operations and maintenance. The contractor may request that the equipment manufacturer and/or manufacturer’s representative provide on-site start-up and training for the owner/operator.

1.5 SPLASHPAD QUALITY ASSURANCE

Provide evidence of commitment of quality craftsmanship as demonstrated by the following:

Splashpad Manufacturer Qualifications:

A. The products shall be designed and produced at a facility owned and directly supervised by the supplier.
B. All products shall be shipped from a single source.
C. A full time licensed engineer must be on-staff.
D. A full time quality control manager must be on-staff.

1.6 TESTING AND ADJUSTMENTS

1. This Contractor shall test all equipment as necessary to show that it complies with all requirements specified. Testing shall be done in a manner approved by the Owner’s Representative.

2. All water piping systems shall be flushed free of debris and pressure tested at 150% of operating pressure or 75psi minimum for discharge lines, 30p.s.i. minimum for suction lines, and 15p.s.i. minimum for drain lines, for a period of not less than 4 hours, and proven free of leaks or other defects, prior to and after backfilling and concrete pours. Repair leaks and repeat test as necessary until satisfactory results are obtained.

3. Splash Pad flow manifold assemblies shall be pressure tested to 150 PSI for 30 minutes with zero leakage. Repair any leaks and retest until acceptable results are obtained.

4. All electrical circuits, feeders, and equipment shall be tested and proven free of improper grounds, open circuits or shorts, as required by the authorities having jurisdiction, to demonstrate compliance with codes and laws.

5. The Contractor shall place the installation in operation and make tests, adjustments, and corrections, until it is shown to be in proper operating condition.

Statement of any previous, existing, or pending litigation for any reason brought by the company or sub-contract involved in this proposal and/or brought against the company or sub-contract involved in this proposal.

1.7 EQUIVALENCIES CLAUSES

To enable all tenders to be judged equitably, they shall be based on the specified products in this document and shown on the drawings.

A. The proposal for any substitute products must be attached to the bid or tender separately, identifying the substitute product by its trade name along with any savings it may represent for the client.
B. Following the opening of the bid or tender, only those substitutes proposed by the lowest bidder of the specified products, will be considered.
C. All substitute approval requests shall be accompanied by manufacturing drawings, including spray zones, sequencing, plumbing and electrical schematics and complete salt spray resisting testing data produced by an independent laboratory for coatings and a written warranty from the manufacturer.

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No substitution or equivalency submitted will be considered if products to be considered are not part of manufacturer standard existing product line or a written proof that product has manufactured previously by the substitute manufacturer. Please refer to General Clauses 1.1

D. Each substitute sample must be presented to the owner/consultant within seven days following the opening of tenders. The sample must be completely operational. After this time period, the bidder will be required to supply the original specified product.

E. The owner/consultant reserves the right to grant or deny approval for proposed substitutions without prejudice to his rights and his decision shall be final. The above conditions apply to this section independently of any other clauses on the subject found in this document.

F. If applicable the products must be interchangeable and of equivalent quality to the materials already installed.

1.8 SPLASHPAD EQUIPMENT WARRANTIES

Minimum Warranty periods
Splashpad Play Events/Products & Skid Mounted Water Quality Management System Equipment

A. A 25 Year Warranty on stainless steel Play Events/Products, stainless steel anchoring systems and aluminum spheres.

B. A 10 Year Warranty on the reinforced fiberglass skid, sand filter fiberglass tank and cartridge filter fiberglass tank.

C. A 5 Year Warranty on brass components including; spray nozzles, spray caps and spray heads. High-density polyethylene components, polyurethane components, and ultra high molecular weight polyethylene components. The Subterranean vault (enclosure and access hatches), stainless steel automated water distribution manifold, drain boxes, strainers, electrical enclosures, and chemical controllers.

D. A 2 Year Warranty on color coatings, stainless steel hardware & moving parts, fiberglass products, SeeFlow Polymers, Soft Touch Elastomers (Toe Guards), subterranean water containments system, circulation pumps, chemical injection pumps, chlorinator systems, acid feed systems, polyvinyl chloride (PVC); piping, fittings, ball valves, check valves, cartridge elements, pressure gauges, chemical sensing probes, motor starters, electrical relays, terminal blocks, actuated valves, programmable logic controller (PLC controller), time switches, manual switches, transformers, breakers, electrical wiring and connections.

E. All warranties are to be managed by the equipment supplier.

Splashpad Design

The details of the Splashpad design include, but are not limited to:

a) Pad shall be sized with consideration to overall dedicated area indicated on the site drawing;

b) Designed for a variety of ages, that includes a distinct separation of toddler splash features with school age splash features;

c) Provide an interesting variety of spray and water features while being conscious of water conservation measures;

d) Design includes nozzles, spray/ mist heads, spray caps and winter caps that are fastened with the ability to be removed from the play features using tamper resistant tools specifically designed for use with proprietary fixtures. The nozzle, spray heads, spray caps and winter caps are to be recessed into the spray amenity.

e) Design includes consideration to the shape, configuration and layout in order to minimize water spray drift onto adjacent areas or overspill onto the grass to minimize slippery or muddy areas.

f) Designed and constructed to provide future ability for interchangeable above-ground water features;

g) Pad to provide a non-slip concrete surface;

h) All electrical connections, grounding, connections for splash pad and features apparatus;

i) Multi-program sequencing and flow control on each splash pad apparatus (or equivalent);
j) User-control features (e.g. push button start) and the ability to program the start and finish times of the water on and off demand basis;

k) Control system flexibility to provide control of volume, length of time, and sequencing for all splash pad apparatus;

l) Specify water consumption/unit time at given pressure for each spray feature;

m) Provide all drainage piping and dichlorination unit;

n) Flow-through system;

o) Supply and install a double check backflow preventer;

p) Undertake a final inspection;

q) An orientation session on the electrical, mechanical and control systems prior to opening;

r) A demonstration of the seasonal closing procedures for the splash pad;

s) Return visit to start up the splash pad with County staff.

**Project Schedule**

The Gordon County Board of Commissioners is desirous of having the project complete at the beginning of the 2020 Summer Season beginning on Memorial Day Weekend 2020.

Proposers are to provide a detailed project schedule outlining all sequencing and time.

Work on this Project can be performed 24/7, unless otherwise specified.
Proposal Evaluation
For the purpose of evaluation, the following criteria will be utilized to score each Proposer’s Proposal:

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All qualified Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by the County’s evaluation group. It will be the responsibility of the evaluation group to initially read, review and evaluate each Proposal. The evaluation group may “short list” those Proposals that are most feasible for further consideration.

Proposers may be required to make a Pre-award Presentation of plan to Gordon County.

Requirements at Time of Execution and Prior to Commencement of Work
The successful Proposer will be required to submit the following documentation, in a form satisfactory to Gordon County, at the time of the execution of the Contract:

a) 100% Payment and Performance Bonds.

b) Executed Agreement

c) Engineered plans for the selected design concept

d) Insurance Documents including, but not necessarily limited to: Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability Policy, Standard Owners Automobile Liability Policy, Workman’s Compensation, and Professional Liability Insurance.
Form of Proposal

Proposals must include and repeat the same headings as listed below. Note: Proposal(s) shall be limited in length to twenty (20) single sided pages, appendix materials are permitted but are not scoreable:

1. Experience, Qualifications, Project Management
   a. Provide an overview of the company history including past project samples. State the length of existence and types of services offered. Identify the technical details that make the Proposer uniquely qualified for this work.
   b. Information is required of the makeup of staff including skills and qualifications of the project team. Show where these people will be physically located during the project phase. Identify key individuals that will be working on the project by name and title.
   c. Demonstrate experience designing and constructing splash.

2. Design Concept (TOTAL PRICE)
   a. Provide a conceptual design of a splash pad at the location shown in Appendix A.
   b. Realizing that the design concept may be altered pending further consultation with the County, consideration will be given if the elements listed within the RFP were implemented into the preliminary design; Comment on: were you able to incorporate creative features into the overall design that represent the unique area; how did you incorporate accessibility to the design; preserve existing trees at the chosen site.
   c. Detailed description of water conservation features utilized in design, and estimate of annual water usage per operating season (provided in cubic meters).
   d. The Proposer shall also submit the following documents
      i. Site Layout Drawings: the proposal shall site layout plan drawings, minimum of 11” x 17” showing clearly all equipment, concrete pad areas, splash components, drains, drainage lines, services, electrical, chambers, model numbers, colours, dimensions, etc.
      ii. Three Dimensional Perspective Drawings: the proposal shall contain three dimensional perspective drawings showing the splash pad, minimum 11” x 17”.
      iii. Materials/Type of Water Play Features: the proposal shall include detailed information and colour images of the proposed types of water play features, surfaces and components.

3. References
   List three professional references (on the form included in this RFP) of clients you have worked with in the last five years similar to this RFP.

4. Warranty
   a. What term of warranty is being proposed; what does the warranty cover; are you able to guarantee the finished product by the deadline; was a detailed maintenance plan included, with season start-up and winterizing steps.
Proposer’s Information Form

Proposers must complete this form and include with the Proposal Submission

Please ensure all information is legible.

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Proposal Submission Declaration

To The Gordon County Board of Commissioners, hereafter called the "Owner": I/WE, the undersigned declare:

1. THAT I/WE have carefully examined the locality and site of the proposed Works, as well as all the materials relating thereto, prepared, submitted and rendered available by the Owner, by and on behalf of the Owner and hereby acknowledge the same to be part and parcel of any Contract to be let for the Work therein described or defined.

2. THAT no Person(s), Firm or Corporation other than the one whose signature(s) of whose proper officers and the seal is or are attached below has any interest in this Bid or in the Contract proposed to be taken.

3. THAT this Bid is made without any connections, knowledge, comparison of figures or arrangements with any other company, firm or person making a Bid for the same Work and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

4. I/WE represent that no member of the Commission, and no officer or employee of the Owner, is, or has become interested, directly or indirectly, as a contracting party, partner, stockholder, surety or otherwise howsoever in or on the performance of the said Contract, or in the supplies, Work or business in connection with the said Contract, or in any portion of the profits thereof, or of any supplies to be used therein, or in any monies to be derived there from.

5. THAT the items stated in the said Bid are in all respects true accurate and complete.

6. THAT I/WE do hereby Bid and offer to enter into a Contract to Supply and deliver all materials mentioned and described or implied therein including any and all other charges on the provisions therein set forth and to accept in full payment therefore, in accordance with the prices and terms set forth in the Bid herein.

7. THAT this Bid is irrevocable and open to acceptance until the formal Contract is executed by the awarded Proposer for the said Work or Ninety (90) Working Days, and prices for as long as stated elsewhere in the document, whichever event first occurs and that the Owner may at any time within that period without notice, accept this Bid whether any other Bid has been previously accepted or not.

8. THAT the awarding of the Contract, by the Owner is based on this submission, which shall be an acceptance of this Bid.

9. THAT if the Bid is accepted, I/WE agree to furnish all documentation, security and certifications as required by the Contract Document and to execute the agreement in triplicate within Ten (10) Working Days after notification of award. If I/WE fail to do so, the Owner may accept the next lowest or any Bid or to advertise for new bids, or to carry out completion of the works in any other way they deem best and I/WE also agree to pay to the Owner the difference between this Bid and any
greater sum which the Owner may expend or incur by reason of such default or failure or by reason of such action as aforesaid on their part, including the cost of any advertisement for new bids, and shall indemnify and save harmless the Owner and their officers from all loss, damage, cost, charges and expense which they may suffer or be put to by reason of any such default or failure on my/our part.

10. THAT I/WE agree to save the Owner, its agents, or employees, harmless from liability of any kind for the use of any composition, secret process, invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of the Contract of which the Proposer is not the patentee, assignee, or licensee.

11. THE TOTAL PRICE (INCLUDING TAXES): ________________________________ DOLLARS ($______________________).

12. The Proposer hereby accepts and agrees that the Addendum/Addenda referred to in this document form part and parcel of the said contract. All Addendum/Addenda should be issued before seventy two (72) hours of Closing Time. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to have received all Addendum/Addenda that have been issued for the project.

Proposers are encouraged to check the Architect’s FTP site frequently prior to submitting a bid submission to ensure receipt and acknowledgment of all addendums released.

The undersigned affirms that he/she is duly authorized to execute this bid.

PROPOSER’S SIGNATURE: ________________________________

POSITION: __________________________________________

WITNESS: __________________________________________

POSITION: __________________________________________

DATED AT THE __________________________________________(City/Town)

THIS ___________ DAY OF _____________________________, 2019.
List of Subcontractors

The Owner reserves the right to approve all proposed Sub-Contractors and where the Owner objects to the use of any proposed Sub-Contractor, the Proposer shall use another sub-contract Proposer acceptable to the Owner. Any proposed changes to the approved list of Sub-Contractors subsequent to Contract Award shall be subject to the approval of the Owner.

The Awarded Proposer may be required to produce schedule of references for all or any proposed Subcontractors.

The Awarded Proposer shall only use those Sub-Contractors approved by the Owner and shall be held fully responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of its Sub-Contractors.

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References
The Proposer shall provide below at least three (3) separate project references with similar size and design of Splash Pads and services as specified herein for a previous five (5) year period from the issuance of this document.

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Appendix A – Location

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPLASH PAD
The above schematic for the Splash Pad is a 70’ x 50’ oval. The splash pad will be roughly graded by the contractor constructing the building. The Splash pad provider will be responsible for final grading and ensuring that the splash pad drains properly and that no water from surrounding areas flows onto splash pad.

All questions are to be directed to info@carterwatkins.com

END OF PROPOSAL