INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Frankfort CUSD #168, 900 N. Cherry St, West Frankfort, IL 62896, will receive sealed bids for Playground Improvements for the Early Childhood Section at Denning Elementary School.

Proposals will be received by the School District at the place, date and time stated below. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. **Bidders MUST use the "Bid Form" on pages 4 – 6 enclosed in these instructions.**

Place: Frankfort CUSD #168
Administrative Service Center
900 N. Cherry St.
West Frankfort, IL 62896

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Specifications and other contract documents will be available at the address listed above. They can also be requested by email at mdonkin@wfschools.org or by calling the Administrative Service Center at 618-937-2421.

A Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract will be required. The contractor must pay the Prevailing Wage Rates and work under the auspices of the district's Project Labor Agreement with the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council.

Bidders are cautioned to inspect all specifications, complete files of which are available as listed above. Bidders are especially urged to investigate the sites and conditions thereon, to inform themselves of the nature and extent of work necessary to produce the desired services.

Proposals shall be made as lump sum bids, as requested in the enclosed bid form for the providing of improvements. No proposal will be considered which does not cover all work necessary to provide the completed project.

Prices quoted in this bid shall be guaranteed for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening.

The Frankfort CUSD #168, hereafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities in the bidding procedure, or to accept the Bid that in its opinion will serve its best interest. Any such decision shall be considered final. The Owner reserves the right to set aside a Bid from a Contractor who, in the Owner's opinion, does not exhibit past experience equal to the size and scope of this project.

Should a bidder find any discrepancies in, or omissions from any of the documents, or be in doubt as to the meaning, they shall advise the Owner in writing, who will issue necessary clarifications to any prospective bidders, by means of an addenda or revision to performance specifications, if received within five (5) days of the date in which the bids will be received.

Any bidder may withdraw his bid any time prior to the scheduled bid opening.
Any proposal received after the time and date stated herein will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing their bid proposal confers no right to withdrawal of the proposal after it has been opened.

No responsibility will be attached to any person for premature opening of a proposal (bid) not properly addressed or identified.

Prepare and submit bids and all accompanying data in a sealed envelope. **Bidders MUST use the "Bid Form" on pages 4 – 6 enclosed in these instructions.** NO BID PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY BIDDER IN ANY OTHER FORM, as on letterhead stationary or the like.

Bids shall be submitted subject to all requirements of the specifications, drawings, and any or all addenda issued thereto. Bids shall be without interlineation or erasures. No oral, telephonic, or telegraphic bid or revision to a bid, will be considered.

Enclose bid documents in two (2) sealed envelopes (outer & inner), each clearly labeled and bearing the name of the bidder to guard against improper opening. Bids are to be marked: "School and Play Area Improvements at Denning Elementary School." They should be sent to the following address:

Frankfort CUSD #168
Administrative Service Center
900 N. Cherry St. / P.O. Box 425
West Frankfort, IL 62896

Each bid must give the full business address of the bidder and be signed by a duly authorized representative.

Bids by partnerships must be signed by one member of that partnership, or by a duly authorized representative, followed by the signature and designation of the person signing.

Bids by a corporation must be signed in the name of the corporation, followed by the signature of the president, secretary, or other persons duly authorized to bind the corporation in the matter.

Bidders shall submit herein their schedule of prices covering the work to be performed under this contract; they understand that they must show in the schedule the unit prices for which they made by them, and there if not so done, their proposal may be rejected as irregular.

Timetable
Installation should occur as soon as possible with agreement of bidder and Owner. All work shall be completed no later than 60 days after the award of the bid, unless agreed upon by Owner and Contractor.

References
Contractors shall list the names, addresses and phone numbers of at least three (3) references where work of a similar nature and scope has been performed.

Insurance
The installation contractor shall carry Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage of $1,000,000 including Umbrella coverage in the following categories:

Personal Injury
Property Damage
Vehicles
Completed Operations

The installation contractor shall also be covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance which meets the requirements of the State.

A certificate of Insurance showing such coverages shall be furnished with the bid.

Clean Up
The installation contractor shall leave the site clean and free from debris. Concrete, asphalt and trash shall be disposed of off the site by the contractor at their own expense. The contractor shall be responsible for repairing, to the Owner's satisfaction, any damage to the existing turf, trees, paved areas, etc., caused by their negligence.

Payment
The Owner shall make final payment within thirty (30) days after the completion and acceptance of the work, provided the Contract be then fully performed.

Other Conditions
Bidder's signature on the Bid Offer Form will be construed as acceptance of and willingness to comply with all of the provisions of the acts of the General Assembly of the State relating to wages of laborers, preference to citizens of the United States and residents of the State, and discrimination and intimidation of employees. Provisions of said acts are hereby incorporated by reference and become a part of this proposal and specifications.

The installation contractor shall be responsible for complying with all local laws and for securing all permits if required by local Government.

The contractor shall furnish a Performance Bond, with approved surety in the amount of 100% of the contract price, as security for the faithful performance labor on the project under this contract. Cost of the performance bond shall be included in the bid price.

BID FORM

Denning School Playground

A: Install (1) Custom Landscape Structures Aluminum Playbooster play structure, Tufftimber Border & Independents as represented by Nutoys Leisure Products, Michael Bieterman at 705-722-6781 listed below:

QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
		2 to 5 Play Equipment
1	143199B	Conical Climber 40"Dk DB
1	184354B	Curved Transfer Module Right 2-5yrs 40"Dk DB
1	121948A	Kick Plate 8"Rise
2	111228A	Square Tenderdeck
1	115243A	Chimes Panel Above Deck
1	119514A	Pilot Panel Above Deck
1	115242A	Slant Entrance Panel DB
1	115254A	Storefront Panel
1	120818A	Playstructure Seat
2	111404E	116"Alum Post DB
4	111403D	158"Alum Post For Roof DB
1	129816A	Square Peak Tile Roof Custom Logo Panel DENNING ELEMENTARY
1	123331B	Double Slide 40"Dk DB
1	130798A	Double Swirl Slide 48"Dk DB
1	182503A	Welcome Sign (LSI Provided) Ages 2-5 years Direct Bury
		Independent Play Equipment
1	184891A	Bongo Reach Panel
1	184886A	Navigator Reach Panel
1	184892A	Ring-A-Bell Reach Panel
4	115201A	LW Post 10"Panel DB
		2-Place Single Post Swingset
1	174018A	Belt Seat Proguard Chains 8' Beam
1	176038A	Full Bucket Seat Proguard Chains 8' Beam
1	177332A	Single Post Swing Frame 8' Beam
		Surfacing System
48	100626A	30" Galvanized Stake
48	119214A	Tuff-Timber 4'

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Total Installed Cost of Nutoys represented Playground Equipment

B: Install one (1) "Poseidon Hideout" play structure as represented by Play with a Purpose, Bryttnye Dutton, Sales Manager, at 855-500-2751 listed below:

QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	77-967	Poseidon Hideout - Blue

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Total Installed Cost of Play with a Purpose represented Playground Equipment

C: Supply & Install FlexGround Surfacing approved by owner

QTY.	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1950 sq. ft.		FlexGround Poured in Place: Combination 2" thick (975 SF) and 3-1/2" thick (975) SF) (Thicknesses are subject to nominal variation) system with wear layer in 50% Color / 50% Black speckled mix. (One color mix throughout / no graphics or color breaks included). Includes standard aromatic.

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Total Delivered & Installed Cost of FlexGround Surfacing

TOTAL COST OF ITEMS A, B, C

$_____

_____ Our Bid is in strict accordance with the enclosed specifications. We have made no substitutions.

_____ Our Bid is not in compliance with the enclosed specifications, but we would like you to possibly consider our alternative.

CONTRACTOR'S REFERENCES

Below are listed at least three (3) references where we have performed work of a similar nature and scope to that described in this bid.

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2._____

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3._____

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Name of Company or Firm Providing Bid

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Signature of Company Officer Title

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Name (Printed) Title

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Address

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City State Zip

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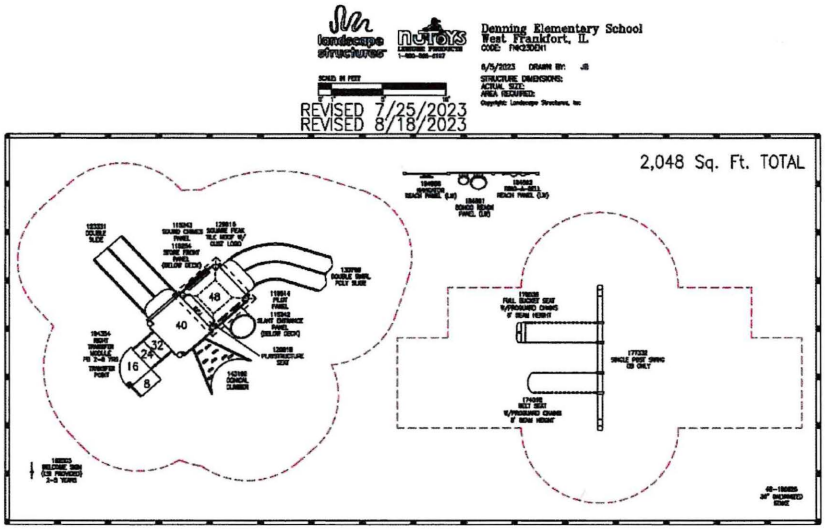
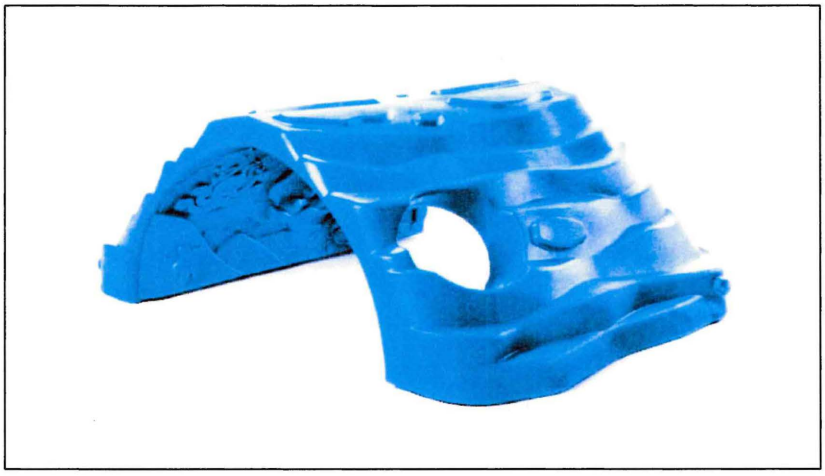
Phone Date



NuToys Playground w/ TuffTimbers

Play with a Purpose – Poseidon Play Set



A use zone of 21'6"L by 19'5"W is recommended.
Assembly and in ground installation required.
9'6"L by 7'5"W by 4'H; 400 lb.