

**Welcome to the Pre-Bid Meeting for
CCS Project No. 26007 – Playground & Site Improvements**

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Columbus City Schools – Playground & Site Improvements

Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2025

1. Welcome/Introductions to the Project Team
 - a. **Lori Seeger, Project Manager** – Columbus City Schools
 - b. **Alex Trevino, Facility Director** – Columbus City Schools
 - c. **Brandie Bronston Houpe, Construction Contracts Manager** – Columbus City Schools
 - d. **Marie Downling, Project Manager** – Behnke Landscape Architecture
 - e. **Andrew Steingass, Project Manager** – Behnke Landscape Architecture

2. Administrative Items
 - a. Electronic bids shall be received until **Friday, November 21, 2025 at 10:00 am** by Capital Improvements Office.
 - i. Please use the following link to access the bid:
<http://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/browse/home>
 - ii. The “Select Region” and “Select Agency” icons in the mid to upper, right corner of the screen must be used to locate our District before viewing our bids.
 - iii. Please register in Public Purchase even if you are not interested in this particular bid. (If you register in Public Purchase under a commodity and we select that commodity when creating a bid, you will receive an automatic notification.)
 - iv. Please note the following:
 1. Registration on the Public Purchase website is free.
 2. For your initial registration with Public Purchase, it will take Public Purchase about an hour to process. Please allow time for this processing after you register.
 3. Additional guidelines for using Public Purchase can be found on the District’s website using the following link:
<http://www.ccsch.us/Vendors.aspx>
 - v. **All bids must be submitted to Public Purchase. We cannot accept any in person, faxed, or e-mailed bids.**
 - vi. Pre-Bid RFI questions may to be submitted in **written form** via email to Marie Downling & Andrew Steingass at Behnke Landscape Architecture, Office PH 216-589-9100 or mdowling@behnkela.com & asteingass@behnkela.com Upon formal issuance to AOR, please email Project Manager, Lori Seeger at lseeger@columbus.k12.oh.us. **Questions may also be submitted through Public Purchase.**
 - vii. Please note: **All RFIs will only be answered in the project Addenda. Questions submitted via Public Purchase will be answered on Public Purchase, and also answered in project Addenda.**
 - b. Behnke Landscape Architecture shall respond to RFIs received more than **5** days before the bid opening. Deadline for RFIs is **Friday, November 14, 2025 at 10:00am**.
 - i. Please note: **All RFIs will only be answered in the project Addenda.**

- c. LEDE & Workforce Participation
 - i. Community Inclusion Program – Local and Economically Disadvantaged Enterprises
 - 1. LEDE Participation Goal is **20%** and Workforce Participation Goal is **25%**
 - 2. Community Inclusion forms will be required
 - 3. <http://www.ccssoh.us/Vendors.aspx>
 - a. LEDE Vendor List
 - b. LEDE Certification Affidavit Instructions
 - 4. Prime Contractors new to Columbus City Schools will be required to submit a Vendor Application prior to receiving a Purchase Order/Notice to Proceed. (check website www.ccssoh.us – navy top band, click on word - Vendors)
3. Project Overview
- a. Bid Package
 - i. Single prime for all Work defined by the Contract Documents.
 - ii. Behnke Landscape Architecture overview of project scope
 - iii. Bid Form
 - 1. Base Bid – **All or Nothing Bid**
 - a. All Six (6) Sites: Colerain ES, Eakin ES, Lindbergh ES, Salem ES, Scottwood ES & West Mound ES
 - b. Please note owner provided vs. contractor provided equipment as noted on bid documents.
 - 2. Alternates: None at this time
 - 3. Prevailing Wage Rates do **NOT** apply to this project.
 - iv. Allowance: \$75,000.00 **to be included in the base bid total**
 - v. Addendum: None at this time
 - 1. Final addendum to be issued no later than **Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 10:00am** via Franklin Imaging & Public Purchase
 - vi. Estimates: Base Bid All Sites: **\$2,750,000.00**
 - b. General Information
 - i. Any permits are to be secured by the Contractor.
 - ii. Temporary Facilities – By the Contractor, may use school utilities if available.
4. Default Guideline Schedule
- a. 11/21/25 Electronic Bids Due to Public Purchase website (Prior to 10:00am)
 - b. 11/21/25 Virtual Post Bid Review @ **3:00pm** (Link will be sent following bid opening)
 - c. 12/3/25 Bid Evaluation and Paperwork for Purchase Order due
 - d. 1/6/26 Contract Approval – BOE Review
 - e. 1/12/26 Notice to Proceed – PO Issued
 - f. 6/03/26 Work on Site May Begin
 - g. 8/07/26 Substantial Completion

5. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC)/Drug Free Safety Program (DFSP)
 - a. All prime contractors, subcontractors and lower-tier subcontractors are to be in good standing with the OBWC's DFSP or a comparable program approved by the OBWC that meets the requirements specified in O.R.C. Section 153.03.

6. Safety Precautions
 - a. Each member of its jobsite workforce to complete an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 or 30 Hour Construction Course and have at least one Project supervisor to complete and OSHA 30 Hour Construction Course.

7. General Items
 - a. Bid Documents
 - i. Documents available for purchase at Franklin Imaging 614-885-6894 or printroom@franklinimaging.com or jeramy@franklinimaging.com
 - ii. Documents are available to view for free via Public Purchase.
 - iii. Documents are available to view electronically/online if you are a member of:
 1. McGraw Hill Construction Dodge / Builders Exchange of Central Ohio Plan Room, 1175 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215; **Project information may be viewed at Dodge Data & Analytics at:** <http://dodgeprojects.construction.com/>
 2. The Builders Exchange, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Valley View, OH 44125

8. Delivery of Quotes – Follow Instructions in Notice to Bidders
 - a. Electronic bids shall be received until **Friday, November 21, 2025 at 10:00am** by Capital Improvements Office – via **Public Purchase**.
 - b. Follow Instructions in Notice to Bidders and Item 2a of this agenda to submit bids on Public Purchase.
 - c. Bid Tab will be posted to District website after bids are opened on Friday morning. Please check website for bid tab before reaching out to District staff:
[http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/\(ccs_pages\)/CCS_RFP?opendocument](http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/(ccs_pages)/CCS_RFP?opendocument)

9. Site Visitation/Building Access
 - a. Sites are open to public before and after school hours. Elementary school hours are 8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please do not approach school staff and/or students. All questions should be directed to architect through RFI process.

10. If attending this Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting, please be sure to email Construction Contracts Manager, Brandie Bronston Houpe, your information at the following bbronston@columbus.k12.oh.us including: Name, company, email address

11. Questions?
 - Eric Jones asked Where can we get installation drawings for the owner purchased items. **Andrew stated typically installation drawings are provided by the manufacturer.**

- Daniel Paul asked have there been any renderings of what the equipment per site will be? **Yes, there are some rendering. Some renderings will be issued via addendum.** Daniel stated that would be helpful to calculate installation costs.

