



Great Falls Public Schools  
1100 4<sup>th</sup> St South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

GFPS is requesting information from Montana Cooperative Services (MCS) pre-approved vendors to replace the existing (10) lane track and/or install a new turf field over existing grass.

Information Due: April 3, 2017

Send requested information to:           Great Falls Public Schools  
  Mr. Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations  
  1100 4<sup>th</sup> Street South  
  P.O. Box 2429  
  Great Falls, MT 59403

Great Falls Public Schools is inviting all approved vendors from Montana Cooperative Services to submit the requested information to determine which vendor GFPS will recommend to the Board of Trustees at our regularly scheduled meeting on April 10, 2017.

Turf:

GFPS will be replacing the existing natural grass with a new synthetic turf. The district will use virgin polymer EPDM or equivalent product. EPDM must be sulfur cured. Bulk density of the EPDM infill material must be 0.4 g/cm<sup>3</sup> +/- 10%. The infill must be supported by the 10 year manufacturer's warranty on clumping up to 95 degrees Celsius and degradation due to UV exposure. Must be a two-layer infill with 3 pounds of washed silica sand on bottom and fibers topped with 3 pounds of EPDM rubber. Sand must be washed silica sand, whole-grain (not ground), sub-angular to rounded in shape (not angular), dry and dust free. SBR rubber will not be considered for this project. Turf field will measure approximately 80,000 sq. ft., lined for football. An add alternate price for a "Memorial Field" logo at midfield is desired by the district. Selected vendor will be required to contract or complete all work including the earth work (removal, grading, drainage, etc.) District has contracted with a civil engineer and is currently conducting geotechnical testing on the site and will share results upon request once complete. Turf must be installed and usable by August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Track:

GFPS will resurface existing (10) lane track with a new poured in place track surfacing. The layout and painting of all lines and event markings should meet all requirements of the Montana High School Association (MHSA). Total thickness of the track surfacing should average 10mm or greater. The district also wants track material poured on each end of the turf ("D" shaped area) for high jump pads. District has contracted with a civil engineer and is currently conducting geotechnical testing on the site and will share result upon request once complete. Selected vendor will be required to contract or complete all work including the earth work (removal, grading, drainage, asphalt repair, concrete, etc.). Track must be installed and usable by **August 30, 2017**.

All vendors included in the MCS co-operative will be given the opportunity to provide all requested information to the district for consideration to be selected for this project. GFPS will accept vendor information on track only, field only or both track and field. Information will be scored according to how the respondents answer the below questions. The scoring is listed after each question.

1. Estimated Cost? Please provide separate costs for turf and field (If there is a discounted price for being selected for both projects, please list). 10%
2. Provide the G/Max Rating for the product you are purposing in this project, using EPDM? 10%
3. Explain your infill process/products? Pounds per square foot of infill? 10%
4. What is your ability to meet the Districts time frame? 15%
5. Explain your maintenance plans included or available for additional costs? 5%
6. Does your EPDM product meet the standards listed previously in this document? 15%
7. Explain your Warranty 10%
8. Does your company provide both track and turf products. 5%
9. Please provide all Montana references (if you do not have Montana references please list 5 other references in our region)? 10%
10. Please provide at minimum a 12"x12" sample of turf system and track system you are purposing for this project. This must be to the district before **April 3, 2017**. 10%

Please respond to the following additional information requested in your submittal:

- **Safety and Health** what specific studies has the turf company produced relative to their product? These studies should include: reports on concussions, ligament tears and ACL Injuries. Do the vendor reports include categories for total injures, severe injuries and concussions?
- **WHO** produces the vendor's fiber and backing? **WHERE** is it produced?
- Installation methods: Are all seams actually sewn? Method of Fiber Shearing? Infill Layering?
- What **experience** does the turf vendor have with a variety of sports and at what levels? Number of NFL teams, NCAA Teams, Pro Soccer, and most importantly **number of high school fields**?
- How many fields installed by the vendor are currently in DAILY use after 8 years?
- Who takes **responsibility** for the project? Does the turf vendor take total responsibility OR is this split with various sub-contractors?
- What Kind of **warranty** is included? Do they provide a "third-party" insured warranty? What is the vendor's bonding capacity?

All questions must be submitted by email to: [brian\\_patrick@gfps.k12.mt.us](mailto:brian_patrick@gfps.k12.mt.us)

Responses can be submitted electronically to: [brian\\_patrick@gfps.k12.mt](mailto:brian_patrick@gfps.k12.mt) or by US Mail.

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