

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1015

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTRY OF A
PURCHASE CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000
(SISTER WIMBERLY PLAYGROUND AT SWAN LAKE – PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Sumter, South Carolina (the “City”), has enacted an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance Establishing Procurement Procedures for the City of Sumter, South Carolina” (the “Purchasing Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Purchasing Ordinance, the Council must approve by resolution any purchase contract subject to the Purchasing Ordinance that exceeds \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Council has been presented with a request to approve a purchase contract (the “Contract”) in excess of \$100,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Section 1. The Council hereby approves the Contract for the supplies, services, equipment, or construction identified below:

SUBJECT:	Sister Wimberly Playground at Swan Lake – Playground Equipment Project
CONTRACTOR/VENDOR	Great Southern Recreation Murfreesboro, Tennessee
PRICE:	\$1,400,846.92 (Funding Sources: State Grant Funds, Capital Projects Penny Sales Tax, Local Hospitality Fund, and Private Sector Funds)
METHOD:	Requests for Proposals (Purchasing Ordinance, Section II.C.); Supporting materials are attached.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, and deliver the Contract on behalf of the City in such form and with such additions, deletions, or modifications as he deems necessary or prudent.

ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025, BY SUMTER CITY COUNCIL.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

David P. Merchant, Mayor

James B. Blassingame, Mayor Pro Tempore

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

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Anthony Gibson, Councilman

Rebecca Lynn Kennedy, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk



City of Sumter
21 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29150

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron McCormick, City Manager

FROM: Michael Geddings, Director of Public Services

DATE: November 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Sister Wimberly Playground: Playground Equipment

The Sister Wimberly Playground: Playground Equipment project will include the turnkey installation of nature-themed play structures and various independent play elements. The play areas will be ADA accessible, featuring a combination of poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing, synthetic turf surfacing, and engineered wood fiber surfacing.

A Request for Proposal (RFP #01-24/25) was developed and issued in accordance with the City of Sumter Procurement Guidelines to select a qualified playground contractor. Based on the evaluation and scoring criteria, Great Southern Recreation was identified as the highest-scoring and most responsive firm.

It is our recommendation that the City contract with Great Southern Recreation for the Sister Wimberly Playground: Playground Equipment in the amount of \$1,400,846.92.

CC: Brock McDaniel, Horticulturist

RFP #01-24/25 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR SWAN LAKE / IRIS GARDENS						
	Criteria A (Max Pts: 30)	Criteria B (Max Pts: 30)	Criteria C (Max Pts: 10)	Criteria D (Max Pts: 30)	Total (Max Pts: 100)	Company
Panel Member #1	23	24	8	25	80	Barrs Recreation
Panel Member #1	19	21	8	25	73	Bliss Products
Panel Member #1	28	28	8	25	89	Carolina Parks and Play
Panel Member #1	20	20	8	25	73	Carolina Recreation and Design
Panel Member #1	28	28	8	25	89	Cunningham Recreation
Panel Member #1	30	30	8	25	93	Great Southern Recreation
Panel Member #1	15	15	5	15	50	Kompan North America
Panel Member #2	22	25	8	20	75	Barrs Recreation
Panel Member #2	20	28	5	28	81	Bliss Products
Panel Member #2	23	15	6	20	64	Carolina Parks and Play
Panel Member #2	22	20	8	20	70	Carolina Recreation and Design
Panel Member #2	28	25	7	25	85	Cunningham Recreation
Panel Member #2	26	25	10	23	84	Great Southern Recreation
Panel Member #2	18	20	5	20	63	Kompan North America
Panel Member #3	26	26	7	20	79	Barrs Recreation
Panel Member #3	20	29	9	25	83	Bliss Products
Panel Member #3	21	29	8	25	83	Carolina Parks and Play
Panel Member #3	21	20	5	15	61	Carolina Recreation and Design
Panel Member #3	15	20	5	20	60	Cunningham Recreation
Panel Member #3	25	20	9	28	82	Great Southern Recreation
Panel Member #3	10	15	5	20	50	Kompan North America
N/R = NOT RATED						

RFP #01-24/25 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR SWAN LAKE / IRIS GARDENS						
SUBMISSIONS AVERAGE						
Panel Member	Panel Member	Panel Member	Average	Company		
#1	#2	#3				
80	75	79	78.00	Barrs Recreation		
73	81	83	79.00	Bliss Products		
89	64	83	78.67	Carolina Parks and Play		
73	70	61	68.00	Carolina Recreation and Design		
89	85	60	78.00	Cunningham Recreation		
93	84	82	86.33	Great Southern Recreation		
50	63	50	54.33	Kompan North America		



Great Southern Recreation, LLC.
2441-Q Old Fort Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN. 37128

11/7/2025

Swan Lake Sister Wimberly Playground

Scope of Work:

1. Facilitate and provide all required documentation for the playground and play area design.
2. Develop and deliver a comprehensive, turn-key proposal for the playground area.
3. Supply all playground equipment and related play elements.
4. Coordinate with the selected site contractor to ensure installation sequencing aligns with the project schedule.
5. Provide and install the rock substrate for the playground area.
6. Execute installation of all playground equipment and play features.
7. Install all fall-protection surfacing systems.
8. Conduct final inspection and punch list of equipment and surfacing to confirm compliance with ADA and ASTM standards.


GREAT SOUTHERN
 RECREATION

ORGANIZATION:	City of Sumter		PROJECT TITLE:	Swan Lake Park (Tax Included)	
TERRITORY MANAGER	DATE	TERRITORY	COUNTY	TERMS	COLORS
Chris & Cody	11/6/2025	Carolinas	Sumter	Net 30	Confirmed
PART NUMBER	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	
ES	1	Log Tower 5 Plastic Slide	\$ 256,767.00	\$ 256,767.00	
ES	1	Log Jam M4	\$ 22,124.00	\$ 22,124.00	
ES	1	Log Jam S5	\$ 14,785.00	\$ 14,785.00	
ES	2	Log Stepper	\$ 450.00	\$ 900.00	
ES	1	Log Jam S4 Modified	\$ 27,275.00	\$ 27,275.00	
ES	1	Log Tangle 2.1 Plastic Slide	\$ 57,150.00	\$ 57,150.00	
ES	1	Three Bay Swing	\$ 39,803.00	\$ 39,803.00	
WT	7	Whole Trees Log Steppers	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 7,350.00	
UPC	1	Concrete Embankment Slide UPC	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	
WT	6	Whole Trees Pole Climbers & Tree	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 59,400.00	
PC	1	Playcraft Tot T Swing	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
CP	5	Ant Stepper	\$ 923.00	\$ 4,615.00	
FN	1	Music Elements - Metamorphis Ensemble	\$ 7,838.00	\$ 7,838.00	
PC	1	Celebration Spinner	\$ 15,590.00	\$ 15,590.00	
IDS	2	Beaver	\$ 6,642.00	\$ 13,284.00	
RCP	2	RCP	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,400.00	
IDS	1	Swans	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 38,500.00	
IDS	1	Crocodile Climber	\$ 23,357.00	\$ 23,357.00	
SUBTOTAL FOR EQUIPMENT					\$ 628,638.00
	Certified Southern-built™ Installation				\$ 190,000.00
SAFETY SURFACE	5655	Turf	\$ 19.00	\$ 107,445.00	
SAFETY SURFACE	8700	EPDM Materials	\$ 27.50	\$ 239,250.00	
SAFETY SURFACE	500	Bonded Rubber	\$ 30.00	\$ 15,000.00	
SAFETY SURFACE	6692	EWF	\$ 1.75	\$ 11,711.00	
SAFETY SURFACE	635	EPDM - Firetruck	\$ 25.00	\$ 15,875.00	
STAIN	1	Stain on ES Items	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	
SITE	1	Mounds	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	
SUBTOTAL					\$ 1,297,919.00
					TAX RATE 8.00%
					SALES TAX 52,427.92
					BONDS
					EQUIPMENT FREIGHT 45,000.00
					SURFACE FREIGHT 5,500.00
					TOTAL \$ 1,400,846.92







