PLAYGROUND DESIGN BUILD SERVICES AND BULK EWF MULCH SUPPLY (RENEWAL)

FACT SHEET

A. **Overview**: This recommendation is to renew the contract for eligibility to bid on playground projects, and for bulk purchases of engineered wood fiber (EWF) playground mulch.

1. Other facts:

- The renewal period will be effective from the date of renewal through July 31, 2020, with no further renewal options available.
- Annually, during the life of the contract, Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) accepts letters of
 interest from prospective contractors to become qualified to compete on playground projects.
 Proposals for new projects are solicited only from these pre-qualified vendors. Playground installations
 are performed on an indefinite quantity basis based on need and funding availability.
- FCPS is not obligated to purchase any specific dollar amount or quantity of mulch. The cost of mulch remains unchanged for the renewal period.
- Playground installations totaled approximately \$155,937, and \$8,915 was spent for bulk mulch in FY19.
- This contract will be administered by Tom Mulligan, Project Manager III, Construction Management, and Jim McKeever, Grounds Crew Foreman.
- 2. **Source of funding**: FY20 Approved Capital Improvement Projects and Operating Budget and contingent upon FY21 Capital Improvement Projects and Operating Budget Board approval.
- B. **Recommendation**: Staff recommends that the Playground Design Build Services portion of RFP 15MISC4 contract be renewed to All Recreation of Virginia (Ashburn, VA), Cunningham Associates (Queenstown, MD), Metro Recreation, Inc. (Jefferson, MD), Playground Specialists, Inc. (Thurmont, MD), Taylor Sports & Recreation (Martinsburg, WV), and River Valley Landscapes, Inc. (Wrightsville, PA). Staff further recommends that the Bulk EWF Mulch Supply portion of the contract be renewed to River Valley Landscapes, Inc. (Wrightsville, PA).

C.	Action taken by the Board (Purchasing use only):				
	Approved	Denied	Deferred	Other	KM/kl
	Date	Date	Date	Date	BOE Mtg.: 07.10.19