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**RE: Outdoor Learning Spaces Phase 1 - Vargas Elementary School Tree Replacement Project – Reject all Bids.**

In our capacity as the District's Construction Manager, we have completed a review of the Bid Proposals submitted by all prospective bidders for the **Outdoor Learning Spaces Phase 1 - Vargas Elementary School Tree Replacement Project** that was bid on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Two bids were received. In our review, we found that Scapes, Inc. had submitted the lowest apparent responsive and responsible bid.

The construction budget for this project was \$271,966.00. The bid received from Scapes, Inc. was \$378,300.00. Scapes, Inc.'s Bid is \$106,334.00 over the construction budget.

After speaking with the bidders for this project, we have determined that the overage is primarily attributed to the timing of the bid and the short summer schedule. During this time, firms are typically booked up for the summer season, resulting in premium pricing for new work. To cover the overage, the excess funds would be pulled from the overall program contingency.

Given the circumstances, it is our recommendation that the District reject all bids for the **Outdoor Learning Spaces Phase 1 - Vargas Elementary School Tree Replacement Project** based upon the wide overage on the construction budget. After the District rejects all bids, Greystone West and the Landscape Architect will conduct a value engineering review. With authorization to re-bid, Greystone West can then schedule a new bid date and re-bid the project, aiming to achieve optimum results.

Please do not hesitate to contact Greystone West Company with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Greystone West Company

Juan Sagarra  
Construction Manager

Encl: Bid Results

