



## **Primary Spaces Funding Programme** **Contractor Pre-Qualification Notification**

Sport England recently launched the Primary Spaces Programme which is an £18 million fund of National Lottery Funding to improve primary school physical education (PE), sport and activity facilities. The fund aims to help schools make good use of relatively small spaces and provide facilities which are low cost but provide a degree of enclosure, colour and innovation that will:

- Inspire physical activity and participation by children
- Enable and encourage health activity
- Develop the foundations of a sporting habit for life through a great start in PE and sport

**We are now in the process of establishing a long list of capable and competent contractors who can carry out the full scope of design and installation works required under the programme.**

On any given Primary Spaces funded project it is anticipated that Sport England in conjunction with Gleeds (Programme Manager) will determine the prospective tender list for the works from this long list (tender to between 4 and 6).

### **Overview of Approach**

The Primary Spaces fund will provide outdoor multi-activity areas which can be used by Primary School aged children both within the curriculum and out of school hours. A series of components and associated options have been designed so they can be easily incorporated into small spaces on primary school playgrounds. They are designed to be added to existing playgrounds areas to significantly enhance them and provide facilities which are low cost.

Document 2 (Component Specification & Safety Standards) provided on the Sport England website (link below) provides information on the technical requirements of the Primary Spaces components and are aligned with ex-stock components and materials readily available within the market. However, there is still scope for contractors to utilise their own standard components and be able to offer alternative and innovative solutions at tender and detailed design stages provided they fit with budget requirements.

Sport England expects to make in the region of 600 awards to primary schools throughout England with the maximum award being £30,000 per applicant.

Projects will be tendered in five waves starting in the summer of 2014 over a 12 month period and estimated figures are provided below:

- Wave 1: circa 100 Schools
- Wave 2-5: circa 125 Schools per wave
- Total: circa 600 Schools

Each of the five waves will be split into batches of circa 10-15 schools based on geographic location and tendered in batches to Contractors selected from the pre-qualified long list. Batches may vary in size, however, it is expected that the value of each batch could range from £150,000 to £450,000.

The on-site works for each wave will be delivered within school holidays where possible, however, in some circumstances subject to risk assessment and agreement with the school, it may be possible for work to be carried out in school term time.

Contractors will be responsible for the complete design and build process. A link to the Design Guidance (DGN), programme prospectus, roles and responsibilities and tender and installation process can be found here for further detail:

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/primary-spaces/>

**Acceptance onto the Long List of Contractors does not and cannot guarantee any appointment onto individual tender lists. As a minimum this Long List shall remain valid and updated for a minimum of 12 months.**

Prospective Contractors are required to complete various forms, provide references, financial information and other supporting information to clearly demonstrate the following:

- Experience within the Sport and Play Industry
- Membership of Trade Organisations
- Geographic areas of operation
- Financial standing
- Health and Safety
- References

**Interested firms should email [primaryspaces@gleeds.co.uk](mailto:primaryspaces@gleeds.co.uk) for a copy of the pre-qualification documentation which includes details of the overall requirements.**

**The opportunity to establish a place on the long list of contractors will remain open throughout the programme, but to be considered for all five waves of projects which commence in the summer of 2014 the documents must be completed and returned by the date and time specified below.**

**One hard copy of the completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is to be returned together with all supporting documents requested by 5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014.**

Completed Pre-Qualification documents in hard copy should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to:

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