



To: All Cleveland Metroparks Suppliers

From: Charlie Rosol, CPPO, CPPB, Procurement Manager

Date: April 1, 2020

Re: Public Opening of Responses to Competitive Solicitations

This memo concerns an important change to the public opening of responses to competitive solicitations issued by the Cleveland Metroparks, which will be effective April 1 2020.

Recent changes to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 123:5-1-07 and 123:5-1-08, which govern competitive solicitations, require that responses not be open to public inspection until a contract award determination is made by Cleveland Metroparks. This revision was made to meet public records requirements for competitive solicitations established by Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 9.28.

R.C. 9.28 mandates that materials in response to a competitive solicitation shall not be considered public records "until the date the public office announces the award of a contract." As a result, DAS will no longer be making responses open to public inspection beginning on the aforementioned date.

A list of timely submitted responses and award notifications will continue to be available on the Public Purchase Website, www.pupublicpurchase.com upon the approval by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Competitive solicitations continue to be public records in accordance with Ohio laws and rules. To request information regarding any competitive solicitation, please contact:

Public Records Coordinator
Office of Procurement Services
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, Ohio 43228

As always, your assistance with meeting the State of Ohio's purchasing needs is greatly appreciated.