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September 16, 2021

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PRITZKER FAMILY CHILDREN'S ZOO INTERIOR PLAY STRUCTURE
AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO**

Lincoln Park Zoo was founded in 1868 with a gift of two pair of swans starting a commitment to the world's wildlife. Today, the zoo cares for nearly 200 species, many facing extinction in the wild. Diversity of wildlife, scenic gardens, and daily education programs draw millions of visitors annually to the zoo located on 49 acres along Chicago's lakefront. More than just a recreational resource, it is an international leader in wildlife conservation and education.

The Chicago Park District formerly both owned and operated Lincoln Park Zoo. In January of 1995 the Park District contracted with the Lincoln Park Zoological Society to manage the zoo's daily operations. As a part of the zoo's purchasing policies, we are obliged to periodically bid out projects and or contracts to explore capabilities, service and price from outside firms.

This is a Request for Proposal to provide design and theming, materials and installation services in the Pritzker Family Children's Zoo (PFCZ) building at Lincoln Park Zoo.

For all aspects of the project the PFCZ Interpretive Outline should be used as a guide;

Topic: Community

Central Theme: Compassionate relationships with nature start with positive first encounters

Goal: to ensure the next generation has an affinity for nature and wildlife

Subthemes:

- 1) There's biodiversity in our own backyard
- 2) Early interactions with nature encourage a life-long connection to the natural world

Outcomes: (guests will)

- 1) Want to spend time outside exploring the nature world
- 2) Develop an emotional affinity for North American wildlife
- 3) Have positive early interactions with nature through play
- 4) Refrain from disturbing local wildlife

The Project Scope;

Removal and disposal of the current Luckey Climber wire containment and climbing platforms. The centerpiece and 14 green 20-foot support poles will remain as they reflect components of the interpretive outline, and are integral to the animal exhibits north of the centerpiece as well as supporting power and lighting components.

The 2-foot green stub pole on the south is to be removed.

North of the centerpiece has animal exhibits near and attached to the green poles. This area should reflect theming elements and enhanced accessibility to some of the exhibits via ramp or other means.

Centerpiece shall be used for theming elements as well.

South of the centerpiece is space intended for a multi-level, self-guided play structure targeting the 3-12-year-old end users. Floor level shall be A.D.A. accessible and incorporate interactive opportunities for all abilities. Structure should be durable, easy to clean and maintain.

Poles maybe utilized for theming elements and maybe used for structural support of the play structure.

Please be aware that Animal Care needs and existing exhibit spaces will not be altered or disturbed and will be the priority over removal, theming and installation.

By submitting a proposal, you agree to all terms and conditions of the enclosed sample agreement, unless otherwise specifically noted as a part of your submission. Lincoln Park Zoo is in no way bound to accept the lowest proposal or any proposal tendered pursuant to this request.

Proposals should include:

- Overview of the company's organization and capabilities.
- Information regarding bidder's status as MBE minority, DBE disabled veteran or WBE woman owned business.
- A list of locations including pictures of your previous installations that are similar to this request made by Lincoln Park Zoo.
- Skills, services, certifications, licenses, uniforms, tools & equipment and philosophies or processes that might differentiate your company from others.
- Highlighted notation of any parts or use of FCS certified sustainably harvested wood or materials made from post, consumer recycled materials and other green building practices.

- Line item costs associated with removal of existing structure, materials and labor for north elements, centerpiece and south structure and any other misc. Total cost of services requested should not exceed \$350,000.
- A detailed timeline for removal/disposal of, installation of and completion of project.
- Any other information that will help the zoo assess the quality of service provided by bidding company.

Interested companies should schedule site visitation and interview - please request times between Monday-Thursday after 10:00am.

Chris Jorgensen, Director of Guest Services

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Your proposal should be received no later than 3:30 p.m. on October 15, 2021.

Proposals should be in the form of two hardcopy and two flash drive versions.

If by delivery service, please submit proposals to;

Lincoln Park Zoo

Attn Chris Jorgensen

2001 N Clark St.

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Picture 1 – looking at North animal exhibit side

Picture 2 – looking at South area for Play Structure

