

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kovler Seal Pool Shade Structure

Introduction

Lincoln Park Zoo is a historic, 49-acre zoo located in the heart of Chicago and the nation's only privately-managed free admission zoo. It has approximately 294 full time and seasonal employees. Lincoln Park Zoo cares for nearly 200 species and welcomes 3.6 million visitors annually from around the world. It is committed to the Chicago community, offering camps, programs and events year-round.

Overview

Lincoln Park Zoo is seeking an experienced design, engineering, or construction firm to design a new, year-round shade structure for Kovler Seal Pool.

Project Scope

Kovler Seal Pool is located near the West Gate entrance of Lincoln Park Zoo. This approximately 200,000-gallon pool with underwater viewing area and elevated viewing concrete grandstands is centrally located in the zoo and draws many visitors to watch the seals as well as regular seal-training activities. During Zoo Lights, the grandstands are used for lighting displays.

This request for proposals seeks a firm to assist Lincoln Park Zoo in developing a permanent shade structure over top of the pool and, ideally, the grandstand area as well. The firm will engage with zoo staff and stakeholders to understand the use of the space and structural challenges. The chosen company must be able to overcome issues in anchoring the shade structure without interfering with existing infrastructure supporting pool functions, which lies underneath the pool and surrounding grandstands.

The firm will provide conceptual design drawings and cost estimates for a new shade structure. Lincoln Park Zoo will provide the zoo design standards for reference.

Logistics

Project Schedule:

RFP Released: November 12, 2021

Proposals Due: November 30, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. (late submittals will not be accepted)

Decision communicated: December 17, 2021

Kick off: January 3, 2022

Submission Requirements

- Overview of the company's organization and support capabilities.
- A timeline for gathering information and designing a shade structure, including proposed formats (meetings, design charettes, workshops, etc.) and associated costs.

- The preferred format is PDF.
- Information regarding bidder's status as an MBE Minority or WBE Woman-owned business.
- The company's Diversity Statement or policy.
- A list of current and past references from company's clients that have similar requirements to those of Lincoln Park Zoo.
- Successful bidders must comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

Submission Inquiries and Delivery

- If you have any questions between now and November 30, 2021, please email Brendan Daley at bdaley@lpzoo.org.
- Please submit your proposals to Brendan Daley by November 30, 2021 by 5:00PM in PDF format. Late submittals will not be accepted.

Attachment – Lincoln Park Zoo Design Standards



