



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### People's Gas Pavilion Renovation

#### **Introduction**

Lincoln Park Zoo is a historic, 49-acre zoo located in the heart of Chicago. Lincoln Park Zoo cares for nearly 200 species, employs approximately 300 full-time and seasonal workers, and welcomes 3.6 million visitors annually from around the world. It is committed to Chicago's communities, offering camps, programs, and events year-round.

#### **Overview**

Lincoln Park Zoo is seeking an experienced construction or general contractor firm to repair and renovate the Peoples Gas Pavilion located at Nature Boardwalk in Lincoln Park Zoo.

#### **Project Scope**

The Peoples Gas Pavilion was built in 2010 and integrated into Nature Boardwalk to provide shelter for open-air classes, programs, and events on-site. It is made of prefabricated glulam wood "ribs" and fiberglass domes. Each piece was designed to be light enough for workers to lift and install by hand. Over time, the pavilion has aged and now has some damage to the steel, wood, and fiberglass domes.

This request for proposals seeks a firm to address the following:

- There is visible rust on steel base connections—repair all areas. Clean any metal surface to be painted using a wire brush to remove loose rust and paint. Where bare metal is exposed, use rust-preventive epoxy primer. Once all bare metal locations are primed, apply an automotive finish paint over the entire metal surface. Thru bolts at all base connections should be tightened prior to painting.
- In a few locations, the outer lamination of the timber has spalled, likely due to moisture intrusion in the end grain near the connections, and pins on the hidden connection plate are exposed. Repair all wooden and timber areas

where there is splitting, delamination, and wood spalling. Sand areas to remove dirt and debris. Remove all wood showing signs of rot or decay. At exposed pins, fill any gaps with wood filler to help protect the pins from corrosion. Patch spalled area with new glulam material. Added screws can be hidden with wood filler. After repair, reapply heritage oil.

- The fiberglass shells have reached the end of their useful life. Re-create and install new fiberglass shells. The shell mold is available and can be accessed for this project.

## **Logistics**

### Project Schedule:

RFP Released: May 9, 2023

Proposals Due: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Decision communicated: Week of June 19, 2023

Installation Goal: Summer/fall 2023

### Submission Requirements

- Provide an overview of the company's organization, resources, and support capabilities.
- Provide a projected timeline and budget.
- Provide information regarding bidder's status as a Minority Business Enterprise or Women Business Enterprise. Contractors certified as such are preferred.
- Include your company's Diversity Statement or policy.
- Provide a list of current and past projects employing company's services that have similar requirements to those of the zoo.
- Successful bidders must comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
- The preferred format for submission is PDF.

### Submission Inquiries and Delivery

- The site is available for a visit anytime, as it is not enclosed within a fence.
- A site walk-through will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the pavilion.
- If you have questions, please email Director of Purchasing Marla Molinelli at [mmolinelli@lpzoo.org](mailto:mmolinelli@lpzoo.org).

- Please submit your proposals to Director of Purchasing Marla Molinelli via email at [mmolinelli@lpzoo.org](mailto:mmolinelli@lpzoo.org) by June 7, 2023. Late proposals will not be accepted.
- See Repair Report Attachments.

### **Selection Criteria**

Selection criteria will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Qualifications and experience
- Current and previous similar projects
- Timeline and budget