



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Aggregate Pathway Repair and Replacement**

#### **Introduction**

Lincoln Park Zoo is a historic, 49-acre zoo located in the heart of Chicago. Lincoln Park Zoo cares for more than 175 species, employs almost 300 full-time and seasonal workers, and welcomes 3 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 paving, concrete, construction, or general contractor firm to repair and replace various sections of exposed aggregate concrete pathways around Lincoln Park Zoo.

#### **Project Scope**

This Request for Proposal is intended to cover all labor, materials, permits, warranties, insurance, plus all other duties as needed to remove, repair, and replace various exposed aggregate concrete pathways around Lincoln Park Zoo. All work shall conform to Lincoln Park Zoo's Landscape Standards.

It is expected that existing subbase of CA-6 crushed stone or crushed gravel will be re-graded for positive water pitch and compacted to 95 percent density using vibratory compaction. In areas where additional excavation is necessary to create a proper base, vendor will procure, transport, install and compact CA-6 crushed stone or crushed gravel.

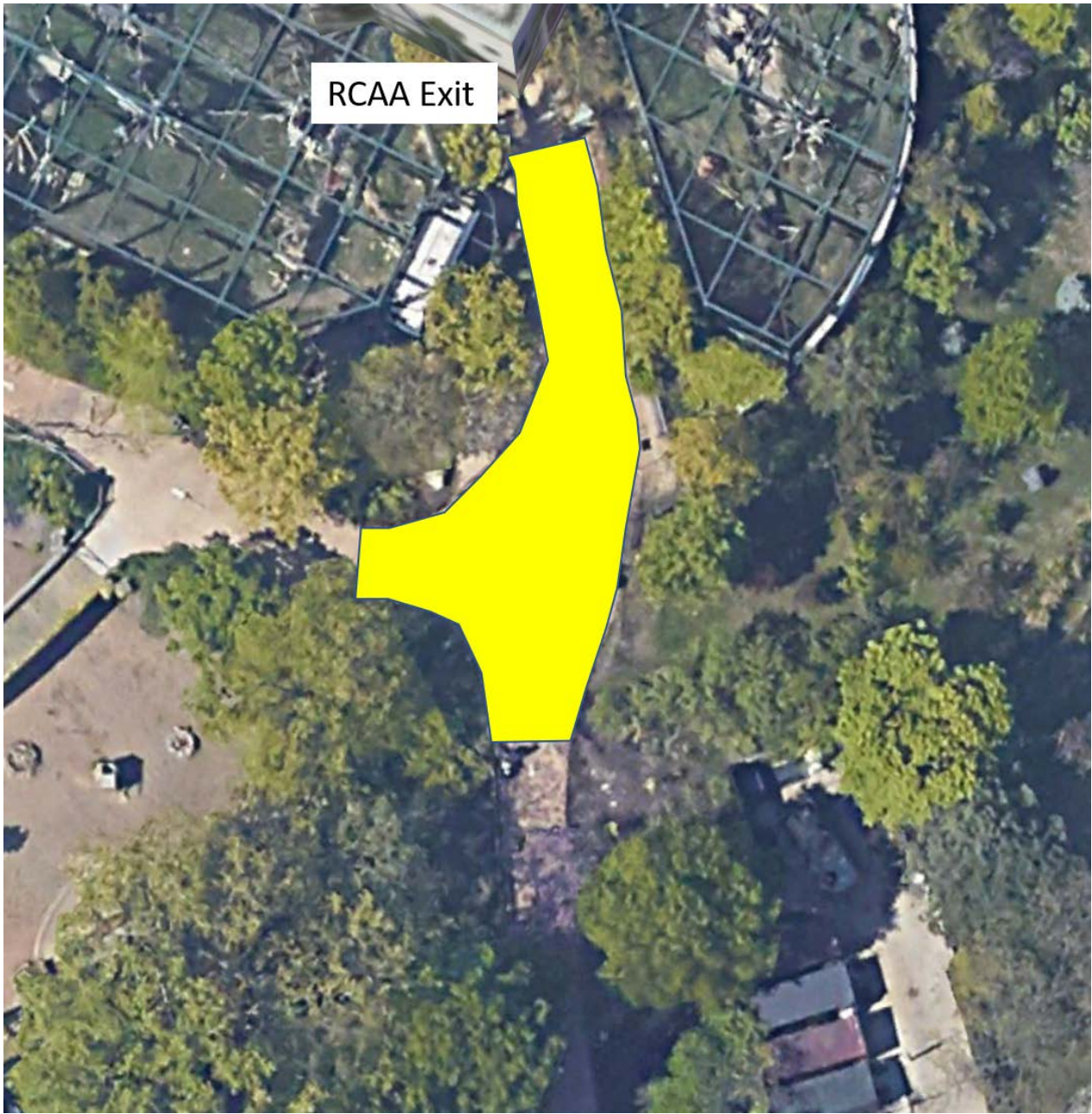
Exposed aggregate concrete will be 8 inches thick using Ozinga's Lincoln Park Zoo Exposed Aggregate Mix and reinforced with 8-inch gauge wire mesh throughout the concrete and rebar pins as needed between pours. The concrete will be finished with Brown Exposed Aggregate Sealer, Product No. EC-BY3505 from McCann, Euclid Brownstone 350, after curing. Saw cuts and expansion joints on the concrete will be cut on an approximately 5-by-5-foot diamond pattern as laid out by zoo staff on-site. Where one zone ends and another zone begins, vendor will create a strip or band across the concrete using either bricks or concrete, at the direction of zoo staff, to transition from one zone to the next.

Additionally, vendor will replace any soil voids adjacent to the pathways with soil mix specified by the zoo's horticulture team. Vendor will consult with zoo staff for any sub-structures to be installed prior to exposed aggregate concrete pours including, but not limited to, conduit, PVC pipe, or other structure.

All square footage to be verified on grounds.

Pathway areas to be renovated (diagrams follow for approximate locations):

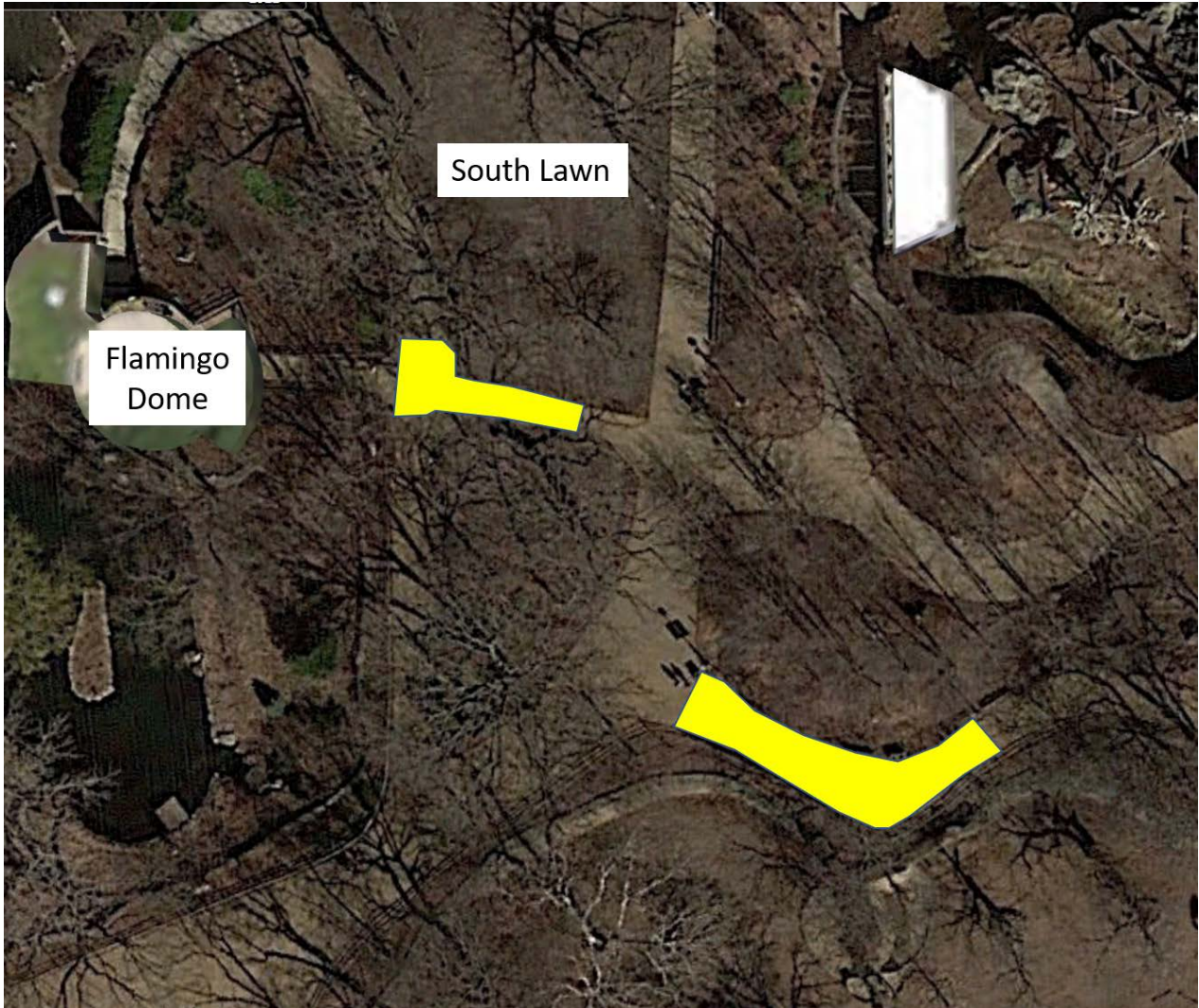
- Exit at Regenstein Center for African Apes: Approximately 3,200 square feet.
- Café Brauer pathway: Approximately 1,600 square feet.
- Café Brauer Gate pathway: Approximately 2,100 square feet.
- South Lawn: East/west pathway, approximately 1,500 square feet.
- Park Place patio path: Approximately 1,000 square feet.
- Pathway between Park Place and Pepper Family Wildlife Center: Approximately 600 square feet.
- Pathway between Park Place and Helen Brach Primate House: Remove and salvage paver bricks in this area, approximately 1,400 square feet.
- Main Mall pathway: Replace approximately 20 5-by-5-foot squares.
- Pathway west of McCormick Birdhouse: 6,000 square feet of exposed aggregate, concrete curb per zoo landscape standards on east side of path, approximately 200 linear feet.



RCAA Exit



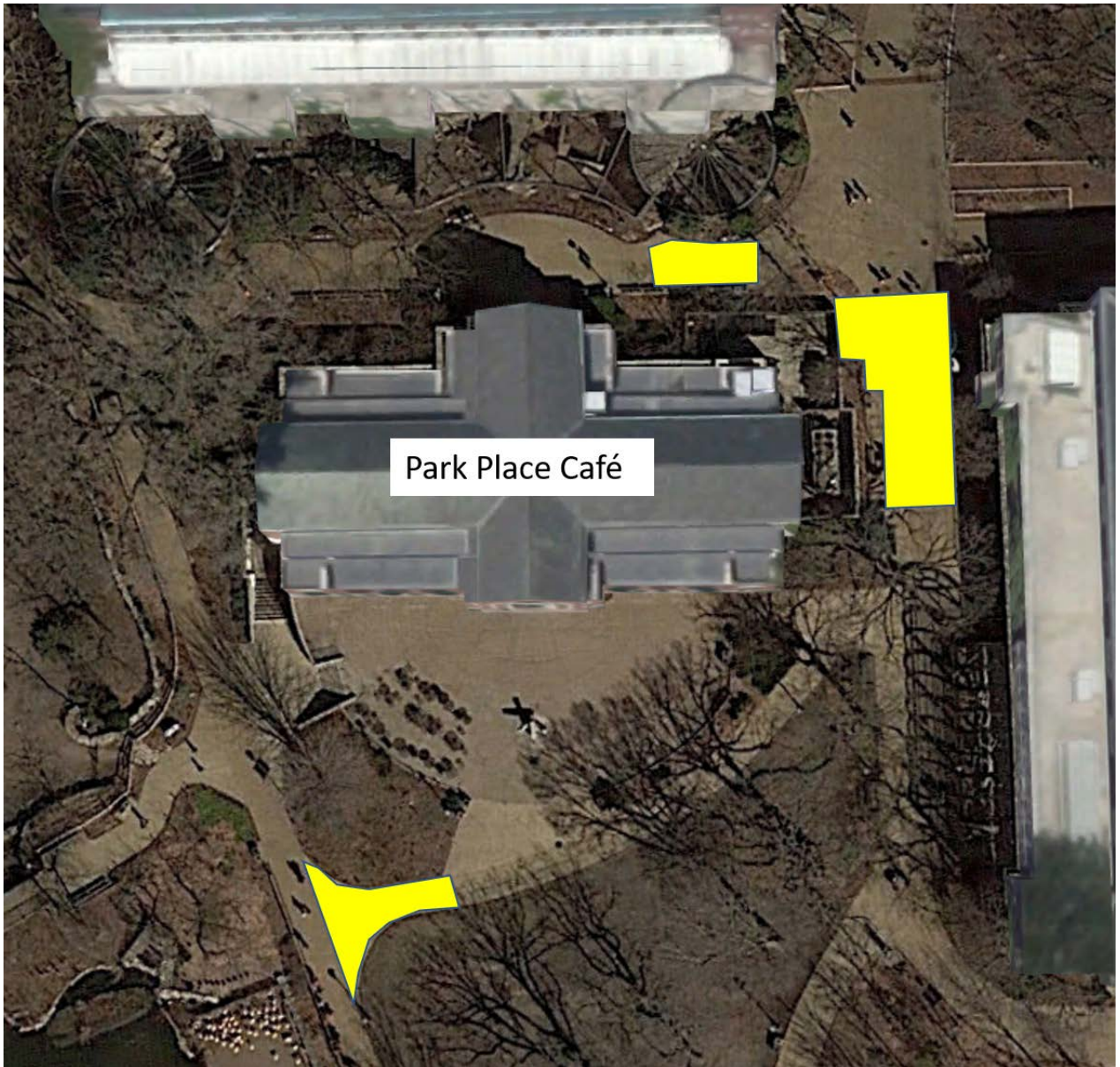




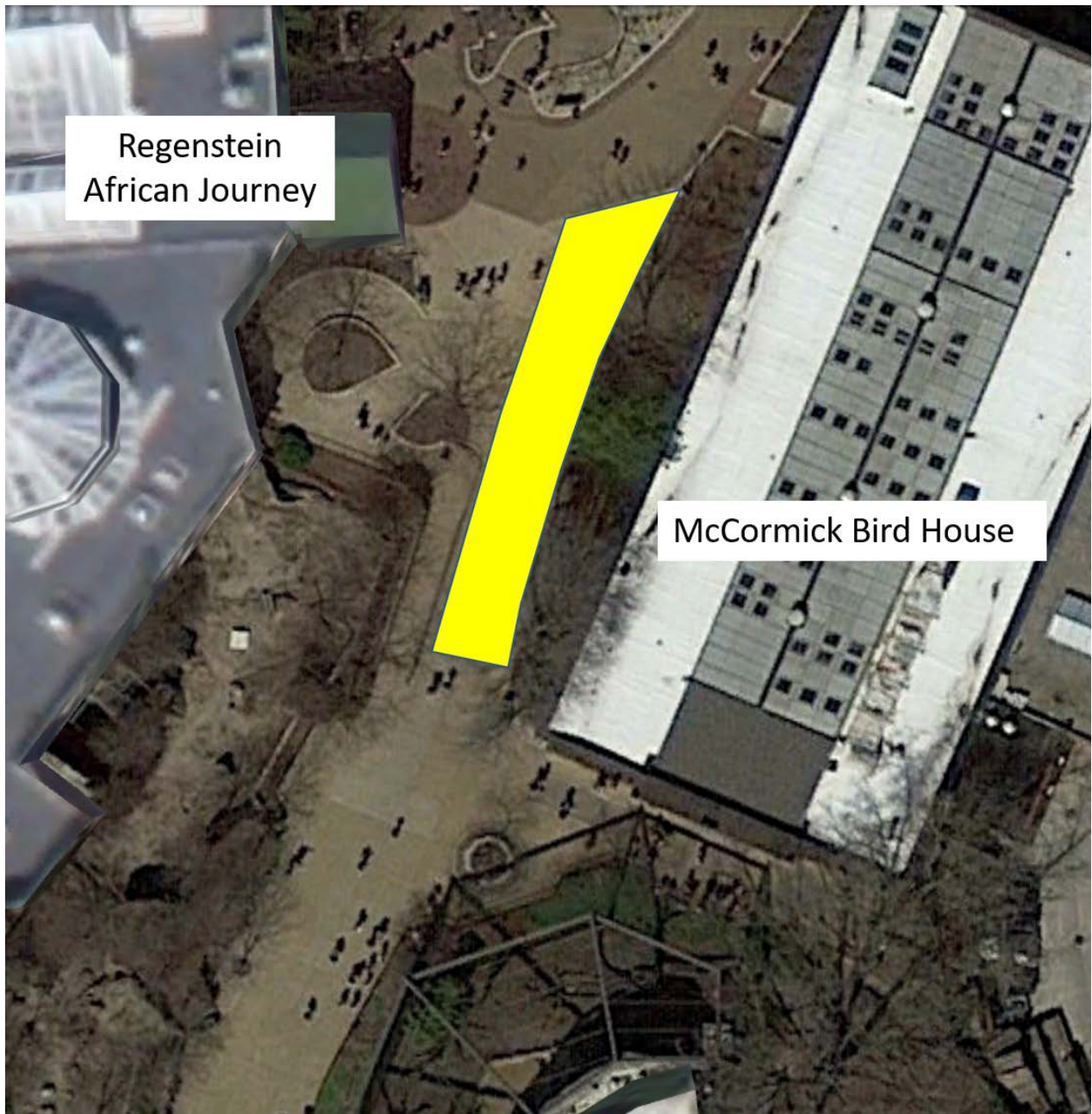
South Lawn

Flamingo  
Dome





Park Place Café



Work shall be done in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

### Logistics

#### Project Schedule:

RFP Released: July 20, 2023

Proposals Due: August 11, 2023

Decision communicated: Week of August 28, 2023

Installation Goal: Summer/Fall 2023-Spring 2024

#### Submission Requirements

- Provide an overview of the company's organization, resources, and



support capabilities.

- Provide a projected timeline and budget. Budget should be itemized for each area of pathway work. The zoo may move forward with one, some, or all of the areas of pathway work depending on 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.
- All work must be completed by April 2024.
- The preferred format for submission is PDF.

#### Submission Inquiries and Delivery

- Café Brauer is available for a visit anytime, as it is not enclosed within a fence. All other pathways are available during regular zoo opening hours.
- A site walk-through may be scheduled if prospective bidders are interested.
- 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 August 11, 2023. Late proposals will not be accepted.

#### Selection Criteria

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

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