



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Asphalt Pathway Repair and Replacement**

#### **Introduction**

Lincoln Park Zoo is a historic, 49-acre zoo located in the heart of Chicago. It is one of the most popular cultural destinations in Illinois and the only privately managed free zoo in the United States. Lincoln Park Zoo cares for more than 170 species, employs almost 300 full-time and seasonal workers, and welcomes 3 million visitors annually from across the globe. It is committed to Chicago's communities, offering camps, programs, and events year-round.

#### **Overview**

Lincoln Park Zoo is seeking an experienced paving, construction or general contractor firm to repair and replace various sections of asphalt pathways around Lincoln Park Zoo.

#### **Project Scope**

This request for proposal is intended to cover all labor, materials, permits, warranties and insurance, plus all other duties as needed to remove, repair, and replace asphalt pathways around Lincoln Park Zoo. It is expected that sufficient substructure of gravel or CA6 will be installed and compacted prior to asphalt installation. Additionally, the chosen vendor will replace any soil voids adjacent to the pathways with soil specified by the zoo's Horticulture team. All square footage is to be verified on grounds. Work shall be done in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

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

- A. Asphalt path from Lincoln Park Zoo's West Gate to the North Gate: approximately 4,000 square feet of asphalt to be removed and replaced with new, straightening and creating a more direct path where possible.
- B. Asphalt pathway behind Laflin Administrative Building: approximately 2,500 square feet of asphalt to be removed and replaced with new.

A. Lincoln Park Zoo to Conservatory Path:



B. Pathway behind Laflin Administrative Building:



## **Logistics**

- **Project Schedule**
  - RFP Released: March 5, 2024
  - Proposals Due: April 1, 2024
  - Decision Communicated: Week of May 6, 2024
  - Installation Goal: Summer/Fall 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, all, or none 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 your company's services that have similar requirements to those of the zoo's proposal.
  - Successful bidders must comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
  - All work must be completed by April 2025.
  - Submit as PDF if possible.
- **Submission Inquiries and Delivery**
  - Both pathways are available for a visit anytime, as they are not enclosed within the zoo fence and available to the public.
  - A site walkthrough may be scheduled if prospective bidders are interested.
  - If you have questions or would like a site visit, please email Project Manager Hannah Sorich via email at [hsorich@lpzoo.org](mailto:hsorich@lpzoo.org).
  - Please submit your proposals to Project Manager Hannah Sorich via email at [hsorich@lpzoo.org](mailto:hsorich@lpzoo.org) and Director of Purchasing Marla Molinelli via email at [mmolinelli@lpzoo.org](mailto:mmolinelli@lpzoo.org) by April 1, 2024. 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 comparable projects
- Timeline and budget