REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Concrete Pathway Repair & 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 concrete 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 concrete pathways around Lincoln Park Zoo. It is expected that sufficient substructure of gravel or CA6 will be installed and compacted prior to concrete installation and that appropriate rebar and/or wire mesh will be installed in new concrete. 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. Seal Pool Amphitheater Path: approximately 800 square feet of aggregate to be removed and replaced with new concrete colored to match zoo standard aggregate brown color.
   - This pathway is above a high priority structure with mechanicals below – extreme caution must be taken in this area. Any comparable examples of such work are appreciated.
B. New concrete pad behind Searle Visitor Center: approximately 1,500 square feet of new install
   - Demo and leveling of soil along with removal of existing concrete curbs. Includes placement of safety bollards around the edge of concrete pad.
C. Judy Keller Education Center Ramp: approximately 500 square feet of concrete to be removed and replaced with new
   - We would like this area to be regraded and built up for improved drainage and accessibility.
D. Park Place Cafe Patio: approximately 3,300 square feet of aggregate to be removed and replaced with new.
E. Service Drive Garage Door Areas: approximately 800 square feet of asphalt and concrete to be removed and replaced with new concrete.
   - Remove and regrade two separate garage door areas in our service drive to improve drainage. One of the two areas will need a trench placed connecting to the existing sewer.
A. Seal Pool Amphitheater Path:

B. Concrete pad behind Searle Visitor Center:
C. Judy Keller Education Center Ramp:

D. Park Place Cafe Patio:
E. Service Drive Garage Door Areas:
Logistics

• Project Schedule
  o RFP Released: March 20, 2024
  o Proposals Due: April 15, 2024
  o Decision communicated: Week of May 6, 2024
  o Installation Goal: Summer/Fall 2024

• Submission Requirements
  o Provide an overview of the company’s organization, resources, and support capabilities.
  o 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.
  o Provide information regarding bidder’s status as a Minority Business Enterprise or Women Business Enterprise. Contractors certified as such are preferred.
  o Include your company’s Diversity Statement or policy.
  o Provide a list of current and past projects employing your company’s services that have similar requirements to those of the zoo’s proposal.
  o Successful bidders must comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
  o All work must be completed by April 2025.
  o The preferred format for submission is PDF.

• Submission Inquiries and Delivery
  o Seal Pool and Park Place Cafe sites are available to visit during regular zoo hours. Searle Visitor Center and Judy Keller Education Center are available for a visit upon request.
  o A site walk-through may be scheduled, if prospective bidders are interested.
  o If you have questions, please email Project Manager, Hannah Sorich at hсорich@lpzoo.org.
  o Please submit your proposals to Project Manager Hannah Sorich via email at hсорich@lpzoo.org and Director of Purchasing Marla Molinelli via email at mmolinelli@lpzoo.org by April 15, 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