



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Perimeter Fence Repair & Replacement

Introduction

Lincoln Park Zoo is a historic, 49-acre zoo located in the heart of Chicago. Lincoln Park Zoo cares for nearly 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 fencing, construction, or general contractor firm to repair and replace various sections of the perimeter fence and turnstile exits 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 various perimeter fence sections and turnstile exits around Lincoln Park Zoo. It is expected that the new fencing or gates will be of the same metal material and same design as existing. Furthermore, all perimeter fence sections shall be a minimum of 8 feet so as to meet United States Department of Agriculture requirements. All linear footage is to be verified on grounds. Work shall be done in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

Perimeter fence sections to be removed, repaired, and replaced (diagrams follow for approximate locations):

- A. Perimeter fence section from West Gate to zoo nameplate and bear statues on North Stockton Drive, on top of existing wall – This shall be removed and replaced with new. New fencing shall be a minimum of 8 feet as measured from the top of the wall or match the height of the cap on the column, whichever is taller. This section is approximately 150 linear feet.

- B. Perimeter fence section across from Camel & Zebra area adjacent to Nature Boardwalk – Existing fencing shall be removed and replaced with new. New fencing shall be 8 ½ feet at minimum. This section is approximately 200 linear feet.
- C. West Gate main gate and pedestrian gates (four total sections) – Two existing main gate sections and two pedestrian gates to be removed and replaced with gates that match the height of the adjacent columns, approximately 10 feet. Gate latching/locking mechanisms and gates themselves should deter climbing or entry into zoo grounds from outside the gates.

Turnstile exits to be removed, repaired and replaced (diagrams to follow for approximate location):

- A. Turnstile exit at West Gate – Existing turnstile to be removed and repurposed if possible at Fisher Bridge Gate on the south end of the zoo. New turnstile to meet Americans with Disabilities Act dimensions. New turnstile should deter climbing or entry into zoo grounds from outside the perimeter fence. Fencing associated with turnstile should match the height of existing columns.
- B. Turnstile exit at East Gate – Existing turnstile to be removed and repurposed if possible at Conservatory Gate on the north end of the zoo. New turnstile to meet Americans with Disabilities Act dimensions. New turnstile should deter climbing or entry into zoo grounds from outside the perimeter fence.

Perimeter fence between West Gate and zoo nameplate/bear statues:



Perimeter fence at Camel & Zebra Area and Nature Boardwalk:

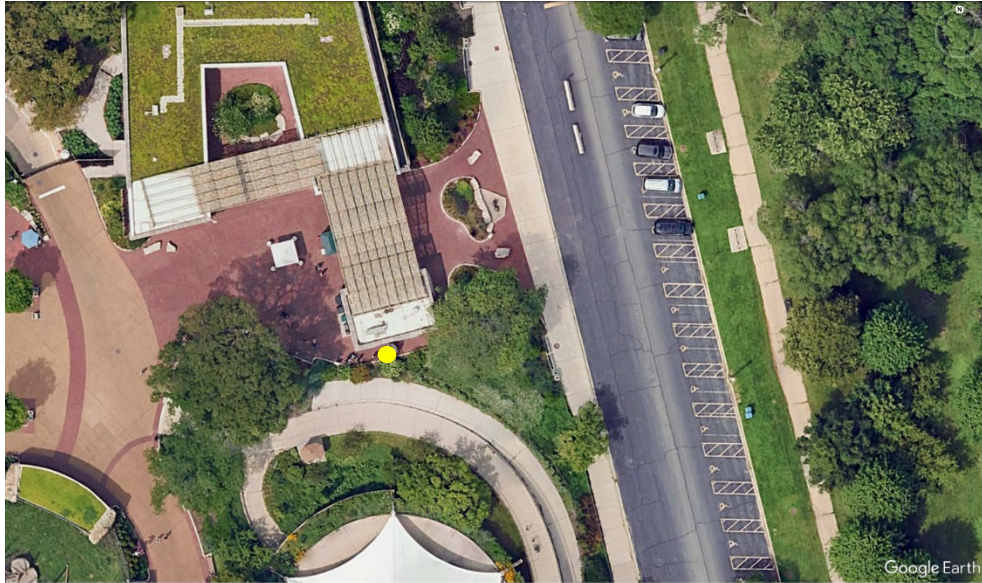


West Gate entrance gates and turnstile:





East Gate turnstile:



Logistics

- Project Schedule
 - RFP Released: July 29, 2024
 - Proposals Due: August 16, 2024
 - Decision communicated: Week of August 19, 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 perimeter fence work. The zoo may move forward with one, some, all or none of the areas of perimeter fence 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 request for proposals.
 - Successful bidders must comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.
 - All work must be completed by April 2025.
 - The preferred format for submission is PDF.
- Submission Inquiries and Delivery
 - All perimeter fence areas are available for a visit during the zoo's open hours.
 - A site walkthrough may be scheduled if prospective bidders are interested.
 - If you have questions, please email Project Manager Hannah Sorich at hsorich@lpzoo.org.
 - Please submit your proposals to Director of Purchasing Marla Molinelli via email at mmolinelli@lpzoo.org or Project Manager Hannah Sorich at hsorich@lpzoo.org by August 16, 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