

MZ-0069, New Seal and Sea Lion Exhibit at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden

Questions and Answers

November 4, 2020

1. The RFQ states that the proposed location for the exhibit will be in the northeast quadrant of the zoo. The RFQ also asks consultants to provide relevant experience with “repurposing existing exhibits”. Please clarify if it is OKC Zoo’s intention to repurpose/renovate the existing Sea Lion Presentation Stadium/Noble Aquatic Center as part of the planning and programming concept for this project.

No, the zoo will not be renovating or repurposing the existing Noble Aquatic Center. The site where this structure stands may or may not be included in site selection for the new sea lion exhibit. The existing Aquatic Center will be razed and outside the scope of this RFQ contract. The “repurposing existing exhibits” verbiage is in place for firms to consider use of existing grottos, rockwork and retaining walls – ultimately depending on selected site location.

2. We were wondering if the zoo or city has a preferred list of architectural firms (local or not) that it likes to use or have used in the past. We provide the aquatic life support design (LSS) for the water filtration of the exhibits and would like to contact local firms who might be submitting to the project. Please let me know if there is a way to obtain a list and if we can also be placed on a preferred list.

The City does not have a preferred list. The consultant’s letter of interest (LOI) are scored and the LOI’s with the highest ordinal scores are selected for interviews.

3. Please verify you are looking for a fee for the development of a concept design for the exhibit. **Yes.**
4. Please verify that a concept drawing is not required as part of this proposal.

No concept drawing is due as part of this proposal.

5. In paragraph 4, there is reference to “the contract may be amended to include Tasks 2 through 5” after this phase. This made us think that this proposal should cover all of Task 1 as shown in the example contract online. Task 1 includes engineering, survey, drainage study, geotechnical among other requirements. Please verify these items do not need to be included at this time, rather this is a concept only that does not require engineering, survey, etc. **The selected firm will be tasked to only provide a concept.**
6. Have conceptual designs and sketches been developed for this project? If yes, who is the firm?

There are no conceptual designs or sketches available for this new exhibit. The zoo would like to see fresh ideas for the exhibit from firms with past aquatic/zoological experience.

7. Where is this project proposed within the zoo?

The exact location of the new exhibit has yet to be determined and will be included in the conceptual design discussions. As worded in the RFP, the new exhibit will be in the northeast quadrant of the zoo. This is in the area up to and possibly including the Noble Aquatics building and Stingray Bay.

8. Are 254 forms required for subconsultants?

They are helpful when reviewing the LOI but not required.

9. What is the page limit for our response?

There is no page limit.

10. Does each firm on the proposed team submit a 254 form or does only the prime firm submit their 254 form?

The prime must submit their 254.

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