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Commodity: Design Services Cameron Park Zoo Education Building and
 Veterinary Hospital Complex
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RFQ Opening Location: Operations Center, Purchasing Services Office, 1415 N. 4th St.,
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Addendum No: 1
Questions and Answers

The above-mentioned RFQ invitation has been changed in the following manner. **Sign and return addendum to the Purchasing Office by the closing time and date with your RFQ response.** Returning this page signed by your authorized agent will serve to acknowledge this change. All other requirements of the invitation remain unchanged. If you have any questions, please call or stop by the Purchasing Office at the above address.

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Technical Questions and Answers

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1. I have a question regarding the RFQ for the Cameron Park Zoo Education Center and Veterinary Hospital Complex. Can you confirm if there will be any permanent exhibits in the Education Center? The RFQ describes traveling exhibits, and I wanted to confirm that was all exhibits in this space.

We would be open to permanent exhibits in the building, but at this early stage of the design – it is not in the conceptual design.

2. There is page limit identified for the “Additional background information.” Is there a total page limit for the entire RFQ?

No.

3. Do your aquatic tanks require filtration? Or, will they be a dump & fill type of system?

Small self-contained systems for the Education program animals & the Veterinary Hospital. However, if an aquarium is included into the design in the public spaces it would need a filtration system.

4. Will there be a saltwater component?

Yes, a saltwater tank in the Veterinary Hospital holding area.

5. Evaluation Criteria Item B.2.a.2 lists a demonstrated success of the prime firm based upon the record of performance for the City and on other projects. We have worked at Baylor within the City of Waco, but not directly with the City. Does this preclude our qualifications from being submitted for this RFQ?

No.

6. Evaluation Criteria Item B.2.a.6 lists a demonstrated experience of the prime firm based upon previous work performed at an accredited zoo or aquarium, or similar institution. Does experience working with facilities accredited by other institutions such as GFAS or NAPSA meet this requirement?

We prefer Zoo experience, but it is just one of the rating criteria.

7. Appendix A, Item C requests to evaluate opportunities for solar energy. Is the facility intended to be a USGBC LEED certified facility, a LEED equivalent without certification, or simply incorporate sensible sustainable strategies.

Incorporate sensible sustainable practices.

8. Appendix A, Item E states the design firm will provide site and topographic surveys. Is a Geotech report a requirement of the design team?

Yes.

9. Appendix A, Item E refers to a fully equipped building. As it relates to surgical and other equipment inside the veterinary hospital, will all items not physically attached to the building itself be provided by the City or the Contractor? Will members of the City's team provide equipment selections for this type of equipment, or is it the expectation that the design team will select and specify all equipment?

All items physically attached to the building are provided by contractor. Zoo staff will make all medical equipment selections and provide specifications.

10. Appendix A, Item J refers to species specific rooms for Animal Ambassadors. Will these be holding or staging spaces adjacent to the classroom space or are these areas intended to be animal exhibit viewing spaces? Does the building program include any animal habitat exhibit spaces for public viewing?

The ambassador animals holding spaces are not intended for public viewing. Some classrooms may have animal habitats as part of the design. The building is not accessible to the public except for reserved educational and rental events.

11. The program lists river otters, an aviary, reptiles, and hoof stock. Can a list of the specific species and quantity of animals be provided?

This refers to species that quarantine or recovery space would be required in the veterinary hospital. These holding spaces are not for specific animals, but rather for animals that might be placed in quarantine or treatment areas.

12. The program includes a catering kitchen. Please confirm if this is a catering kitchen exclusively for warming food already prepared offsite or if the need is a fully operating kitchen for cooking.

Preferably a fully operating kitchen.

13. Please confirm if furniture specifications are part of the scope of services.

Furniture specifications are not part of the scope of services unless it is a built-in unit.

14. Are there any current finish standards in place for the facility?

The exterior should match or compliment the front entry plaza of the zoo. Interior finishes should be eco-friendly and durable.

15. Is the prime firm required to have HUB status or can consultants to the prime provide a percentage of the HUB participation? Does the City have a minimum HUB participation level?

The City does not have a minimum requirement.

16. What quantity of presentations to stakeholders is anticipated and how many groups will be involved in the approval process?

Approval Process includes City, County and Zoological Society review. It is too early in the process to know exactly how many presentations would be required.

17. Is an anticipated design and construction schedule available for review?

We foresee the design process to take place in early 2021 with a projected completion in late fall 2022.

18. Has a construction budget been established and if so, can this be shared for review?

\$8,335,376.00 Total

19. The area shaded on the Property Location Map on the last page of the RFQ appears to total roughly 20,000 to 30,000 SF. How much site area is allocated for the proposed project?

There is some space around the site, but we are not sure how much since it has not been surveyed. The shaded space was the approximate footprint of the site.

20. Is regional stormwater management participation (ie, regional detention) available to serve the proposed improvements, or will new stormwater detention controls be required?

The position of the site should not affect stormwater, but that is a question the facilities or public works department could better answer. This can be a discussion for the RFP.

21. There appear to be a lot of mature trees within the project limits. How critical will tree preservation be on this particular project?

Tree preservation is always extremely critical since we are a conservation organization. We realize removal of one or two trees may be necessary, but Zoo management staff will make decisions pertaining to tree preservation.

22. Is all the access to the site proposed off the existing “loop drive” off of Garland Ave?

Primary access to the site is off of the existing “loop drive” off of Garland Ave.

23. In regards to the 15 page limit for the additional background section, can we assume that if we use double sided printing it will count as 2 pages?

Yes.

24. Regarding references – would you like 5 references for each firm on our team, including subconsultants?

5 total projects.

25. Project examples have requirements to list a maximum of 5 for the firm responsible for project. We are teamed with another architect, does that mean 5 total projects between us or 5 each?

5 total projects.

26. Is the project entirely funded by the bond?

The project is funded by bond and \$500,000 private donation.

27. What Animal Ambassador species will be housed in the indoor and outdoor holding rooms?

A variety of small mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. The space must be flexible to allow for rotating a variety of species.

28. Will the veterinary hospital include species holding for other beyond what is listed on page 15 under (m)? For example, will there be large carnivore holding in the hospital?

Yes, it will include secure holding with the ability to shift between stalls for large carnivores and primates. In addition, the veterinary hospital should have flexible holding for any species or taxa currently in the collection.

29. What animal species are intended to be housed in quarantine portion of hospital versus in a different quarantine enclosure elsewhere in the zoo?

The quarantine portion of the hospital should be able to house any species currently in the collection. A separate quarantine space for hoofstock will be available. However, the veterinary hospital should still have the capability to house hoofstock short term. In addition, any animal in for treatment from the collection could potentially be housed in quarantine holding if no animals are currently under quarantine.

30. Would you like us to include a complete consultant team in the submission? If so, what consultants would you like included?

You do not need to include a complete consultant team in the submission.

31. We have several recent projects which are directly relevant to this scope of work but fall outside of the stated 5-year timeline. Can these be included as project examples in our response subject to the 15-page limit?

Similar projects completed prior to the 5-year timeline are acceptable.