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NOTICE TO ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Oklahoma City has public improvement work that requires the professional services of a consulting firm ("Consultant").

In order to be considered, the Consultant must timely submit a Letter of Interest as provided herein and comply with the Resolution establishing procedure for "Selection of Architects and Engineers" adopted by the City Council on August 29, 2023, a copy of which may be obtained at www.okc.gov/departments/public-works/engineer-architect-resources/notice-to-a-e/consultant-selection-procedures. Letters of Interest **must be submitted through the electronic bidding system at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/> prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2025**. Emailed and hand-delivered submittals are not accepted.

Project Title: MZ-0081, Stingray Touch Pool Experience and Exhibit at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden

Scope of Work: The consultant will design an interactive exhibit including a touch pool and associated Life Support System (LSS) facility. The consultant is required to provide a conceptual report with an estimated construction cost. The new exhibit site location will include partial demolition of the existing concrete grotto structure providing an area of approximately 8,150 square feet next to the existing lake. The consultant will meet with staff to determine the size of collection, and the structure for both the exhibit and LSS facility and shallow touch pool. Discussion opportunities include, but are not limited to, covered open-air structure with overhead doors, fans, limited HVAC, and graphics in lieu of hard theming, etc. The LSS facility itself may be designed and installed by the zoo in coordination with the consultant. The consultant should identify potential LSS engineers they have worked with on previous aquatic projects in their submittal. After receiving Task 1, Conceptual Report, the contract may be amended to include Tasks 2-5 which include final plans and specifications, bidding, construction administration and final as-built documentation. Estimated construction cost to be determined.

Time Schedule for the above Scope of Work: Conceptual Report - Task 1A required within thirty (30) days of City/Trust approval of the Notice to Proceed.

All questions must be submitted through Bidnet Direct by 10:00 a.m. on June 5, 2025. Answers to the questions will be posted in Bidnet Direct by 10:00 a.m. on June 10, 2025.

Letters of Interest must provide your understanding of the project and scope of services; your approach and concept; designation of your Project Team and their detailed expertise and experience on similar projects, and accessibility to City staff. The Consultant may not change the Project Team without prior consent of the City Engineer. Letters of Interest must be 50 pages or less. **Please provide a contact name and email address in your Letter of Interest.**

The City and its related Trusts use the Contract located on www.okc.gov/departments/public-works/engineer-architect-resources/notice-to-a-e. Please review the Contract, particularly the insurance and indemnity paragraphs to ensure requirements will be met. Contract terms are not negotiable. The City may negotiate Scope of Work, Compensation, and Additional Services. If the City or Trust determines, in its sole discretion, the City or Trust is not able to timely negotiate an acceptable Scope of Work, Compensation, and Additional Services with the selected Consultant, then the City or Trust may terminate such negotiations and commence negotiation with another Consultant.

Please include a 254 Form with your Letter of Interest

The City and its Trust reserve the right to award the Contract(s) or not and to revise the Scope of Services and/or the Project scope or description, as may be in the best interest of the City or Trust.

All submissions are subject to the mandates of the Oklahoma Open Records Act, 51 Okla. Stat. §§ 24A.1. et seq. The purpose of the Act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. Almost all "records," as that term is defined in the Act, may be disclosed to the public upon request. Except where specific state or federal statutes create a specific and express exemption or confidential privilege, persons who submit information to public bodies have no right to keep this information from public access nor have a reasonable expectation that this information will be kept from public access.

If Respondent believes that any submission to the City of Oklahoma City is exempt or confidential under a specific state or federal statute, and therefore not subject to public access under the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Respondents must comply with the following:

1. Place said portion of the submission in a separate electronic file attachment marked "Confidential". DO NOT label your submission "Confidential" – label only those portions of the submission that Respondent feels are exempt or are made confidential by state or federal law as "Confidential".
2. For each portion of the submission which Respondent is claiming an exemption or a confidential privilege, identify the specific federal and/or state law that creates said privilege, e.g., for trade secrets, see 21 O.S. § 1732 (Larceny of Trade Secrets) and the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 78 O.S. §§ 85, et seq.

Should an Open Records request be presented requesting information identified as "Confidential," Respondent will be responsible for defending Respondent's position in the District Court, if needed.

If Respondent fails to identify any part of your submission as "Confidential", Respondent agrees that said submission is not exempt or confidential and is subject to public access.

Upon receipt of a request review or copy records properly identified as "Confidential," Respondent will be notified of the request and allowed to immediately enforce and protect Respondent's rights by initiating an action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Should Respondent fail to bring an action to enforce Respondent's rights within seven (7) calendar days of notice, then the requested records will be released.

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