

Project No: 6353.93; Abq BioPark Children's Fantasy Garden

Pre-Submittal Conference Information Sheet

Originally opened in 2001, the Children's Fantasy Garden has served the community for over 20 years. The ABQ BioPark is looking for Architectural / Engineering services to renovate and update the experience of the Children's Fantasy Garden. Previous team experience required includes design of theme parks, amusement parks and family-oriented projects. The selected design firm to provide strategic public engagement for community input. Project has potential for CMAR and no animal component is anticipated.

The BioPark is interested in proposals ranging from comprehensive renovations of the existing garden to a complete reinvention of the space allotted. Proposals should emphasize the design team's experience with creating successful interactive public spaces along with examples of completed projects that showcase plants and natural systems in creative ways.

It is encouraged that programming and procession through the space takes a sandbox approach, where the garden is an open playground for the senses and fosters the children's imagination. The garden will be a respite from screens and technology.

Design challenges include raccoon habitats, accessibility, and general safety. Ability to supervise entry/exit will be necessary.

The Committee would also like to know how the design team proposes to engage the community, what that engagement would produce and how it would inform the final design.