

June 17, 2024

Questions regarding: Project No:6353.93;

Architectural Consultant for BioPark - Children's Fantasy Garden Renovations

Question: Please clarify the total project budget as it relates to the estimated compensation number listed in the RFP.

Answer: Total Project Budget is set at \$5million, with 20% or \$1million used as soft costs to pay for arch fees, taxes and FFE, and the remaining \$4million to be the potential MACC (maximum allowable construction costs). The estimated compensation number of \$750,000 is approx. 18.75% of the MACC.

Question: Are there any additional points given for local firms?

Answer: There is not a local preference given.

Question: Is there a base map/plan/survey of the current Children's Garden area that could be shared?

Answer: The BioPark contracted with civil engineer firm to complete a Site Assessment of the Children's Fantasy Garden, please see Project Pre-Submittal Documents for that information. Topo survey has not been done, nor an as-built survey.

Question: Will the design consultant be excluded from bidding on the project during construction?

Answer: Design and construction are solicited separately - This solicitation is for design only.

Question: Does the COA have an expected completion date or project timeline?

Answer: Not at this time. Once a designer is selected, the BioPark will work with them to prepare timeline for project completion.

Question: Is there a local preference for firms on this project?

Answer: There is not a local preference given.

Question: Tab 5, item 2 in the Cost Control section asks for bid award amount compared to final cost estimate. Given that so many projects are now done by CMAR or design-build, can the City amend this criteria or extend the 2 year requirement?

Answer: We can consider this request for future solicitations. This solicitation will only consider the outlined criteria.

Question: Can a Landscape Architect lead this project or does it need to be an Architect?

Answer: BioPark is open to both Architect and Landscape Architect teams as design lead

Question: Can we please get a copy of the pre-proposal meeting attendees

Answer: Yes.