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**AMENDMENT TO SOLICITATION**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**ISSUE DATE:** 8/12/2022

**SOLICITATION NO.** B2022-04-07

**DATED:** 7/20/2022

**PROJECT:** Gorilla Climbing Structure

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

All questions received by companies through August 11, 2022, have been combined and answered in red below.

**QUESTION 1):** Our initial research seems to indicate that Black Locust does not come in the longer length found in the solicitation for the ladders (24'); the ladders, however, do not appear in the diagram to be 24' in length. We can get it in 12' lengths. Are we correct in saying that each ladder would be approximately 12'?

**ANSWER 1):** From the sketch provided that would appear to be the case, however materials and purchasing the correct materials to build this structure will be the responsibility of the chosen contractor. The 24-foot lengths can be found by contacting a company called Whole Trees at (608) 310 5258 if you determine you need that length.

**QUESTION 2):** Please let us know if "project management", "engineering estimate", "shop drawings" are required for this project?

**ANSWER 2):** While using Whole Trees is not required, they have built structures that can with stand the activities of gorillas and that requires the services they are providing if you request them to supply you with the materials for this project. To ensure we are receiving the quality and durability necessary we will be looking for over site of the design as well as engineering reviews and certifications and shop drawings required for Riverbanks Zoo to be able to know the correct structure is being built.

**QUESTION 3):** Under the 'Regulations and Standards' section, reference is made to the "permit-required confined spaces" compliance. OSHA 1910.146(a) does not seem to apply to construction activities. Please confirm that this is not a contract requirement for this work.

**ANSWER 3):** We require you to meet applicable OSHA requirements and to determine which apply. We list important standards just as examples. If we observe a condition and it is disputed we would expect the OSHA Guidance Office to be contacted to ensure your workers are safe.

**QUESTION 4):** The solicitation states that "If any bidder desires to furnish an item different from the specifications, vendor should submit along with the bid, the ...designs...etc., to enable the Owner to compare the material [/design] specified." While we would anticipate a design very similar to the conceptual image provided, once work begins some modifications may be suggested. Assuming no additional cost to the buyer, would this be permitted and, if so, how would approval be obtained?

**ANSWER 4):** All substitutions/changes would require approval from the design engineer and the Zoo Project Manager prior to awarding a contract to avoid any construction delays due to materials once construction begins. Approval can be obtained by submitting substitutions/changes to those parties.

**QUESTION 5):** The solicitation states that "Fill should be tested for compaction by a technician working under the direction of a licensed geotechnical engineer." Barring any specific concerns raised during the boring process, we would not anticipate calling in a licensed geotechnical engineer. However, if this is, in fact, a requirement then we should budget for it up-front. Please clarify.

**ANSWER 5):** The design engineer should be able to make this determination for you as soil sampling is provided and approved engineering practices should be followed. Correct, that cost should be included up front to limit Change Orders. If uncertain the cost can be listed as an alternate so at bid selection that number is presented by all bidders and allowed for in the selection process.

**QUESTION 6):** Our preliminary search for the specified wood indicates that it is available but, owing to the lengths involved of the 'trunks,' sourcing these would have to wait until after the award was made and delivery times would be subject to the supplier. The solicitation also states that "...the contractor should have all materials in hand prior to starting so no delays are due to material availability." Please confirm that a reasonable period of time will be allowed between the award and the actual commencement of work.

**ANSWER 6):** We are aware of at least the time frame Whole Trees is suggesting and realize that can change. If there is a question about schedule with the winning bidder we would reserve the right to cancel the contract prior to the contractor placing any material orders.

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Offerors must acknowledge receipt of this amendment by one of the following methods: (a) By signing and returning one copy of this amendment with your bid; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the bid submitted; or separate letter which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. Failure of your acknowledgment to be received at the Purchasing Office prior to the hour and date of the opening may result in rejection of your offer. If by virtue of this amendment, you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by letter, provided such letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

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