

**RFP 12-1939
ON-CALL GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES**

Note: The following changes, additions and deletions to Request for Proposal 12-1903, hereby become part of the Request for Proposals. It is essential that all prospective Proposers note the content of the Addendum.

In the interest of fairness and equity, this information is being provided to all interested proposers.

The following Questions and Answers were asked and answered during the Pre-Proposal Conference held on Tuesday, August 16, at The Oregon Zoo.

Questions:

1. What's the status of the Zoo Master Planning work?

The Master Planning work has been proceeding under SRG Partnership, Inc., which has hired GRI for the geotechnical work. All the info has been compiled. The proposed bond project pre-schematic designs are available on the Metro website, oregonmetro.gov. Search for "Zoo Bond."

2. Will there be access from outside the zoo to the work area?

Yes, the existing service road from Gate J on Kingston Road and the existing service road from Gate "A" near the Hwy. 26 exit will be extended to form the new perimeter service road to the new elephant habitat and train site.

3. What is the thermal planned for the meadow area?

The thermal will be the slinky-type, about 10 to 12 feet down, and part of a ground loop. It will be used for heating and cooling. The meadow was formally an uncontrolled fill site, and its composition is not certain.

4. What will be the width of the new road?

Twenty feet, wide enough for fire truck access.

5. Will the new road run on the outside of the Predators of the Serengeti exhibit?

Yes, on the canyon side.

6. Are your typical construction projects design-bid-build?

In the past they have been, but the zoo received approval from the Metro Council for doing Construction Management General Contractor (CMGC), and that is what is planned for the elephant habitat project.

7. What is the schedule for construction?

The construction is funded by bond dollars, so the money is available to proceed. The pre-schematic designs for the elephant-train-road project are expected to be done the end of this month, and the proposal process will proceed, with construction hopefully starting in the spring of 2013.

8. Will the geotechnical firm provide full technical support?

The geotechnical firm will be hired by Metro, and will report to the bond program construction manager. Technical support will be needed during design and construction. The project is expected to take three years from schematic design to the end of construction.

9. What other projects are planned?

Other bond program projects include the Conservation Discovery Zone (educational center) near the current zoo administration building at the zoo old entrance, Polar Bears, Primates, Rhino and Condors (not necessarily in that order). These projects are expected to take eight to 10 years to complete.

10. Will there be a separate design team for each project? Will an architect lead the design team?

Metro will solicit competitive proposals for the design for each project. The same firm could be chosen for more than one project. An architect will lead each design team.

11. Why did Metro pull the geotechnical services out of the design and construction contract?

In Metro's experience, architects often prefer to have the geotechnical services on a separate team. Metro felt it best to have the geotechnical services report directly to the owner. Geotechnical reports will be shared with the contractor and design team.

12. Will each of the selected geotechnical firms have to propose for each project?

No. Geotechnical firms selected via the RFP will not have to propose for each project. Metro intends to generally rotate work on the individual projects among the selected firms, one firm per project.

All other terms and conditions of this solicitation remain the same.

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