



**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION
FOR ESTIMATED \$26 KINGDOMS OF ASIA/ORANGUTAN PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation ("ZooCorp") has determined that all General Contractor ("Bidders") for an estimated \$26 million dollar project to be undertaken by the ZooCorp must be pre-qualified prior to submitting bids. It is mandatory that all Bidders who intend to submit bids fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire (Attachment "B"), provide all materials requested therein, and be approved by ZooCorp to be on the final Bidders list. Additionally, all Bidders who hereafter may submit proposals to ZooCorp certify that they have reviewed, understand, and agree to be bound by the ZooCorp contract documents attached with this notification; namely the FCZ Specific Conditions. ZooCorp does not make any agreements or guarantees that Bidders pre-qualified will be contracted for this project, as this is only a pre-qualification process. Bids will NOT be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. If two or more business entities submit a bid on a project as a Joint Venture, or expect to submit a bid as part of a Joint Venture, each entity within the Joint Venture must be separately qualified to bid.

Pre-qualification applications can be downloaded at Fresno Chaffee Zoo's website;
<https://www.fresnochaffeezoo.org/reports>

Description of Work

The Kingdoms of Asia exhibit is a rehabilitation of approximately 3.45 acres within the existing Fresno Chaffee Zoo. The project scope includes demolition of existing structures and habitats to be replaced with new construction for a mixed species exhibit. The new exhibit will encompass multiple animal holding buildings, an education and event building with a basement to house pool filtration equipment, a cafe building, and multiple animal habitats. The Orangutan renovation of the existing exhibit area adjacent to viewing shelter, Bonner Station viewing shelter renovation, animal habitat mesh enclosure updates, and new artificial tree in exhibit.

Pursuant to Labor Code 1725.5, no Contractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor to provide proof of current DIR registration with their prequalification package.

Answers to questions contained in the pre-qualification application, information about current bonding capacity on an aggregate and per project limit, a notarized statement from surety, and the most recent reviewed or audited financial statements, with accompanying notes and supplemental information, are required. ZooCorp will use these documents as the basis of rating Bidders with respect to the size and scope of contracts upon which each Bidder is prequalified to bid. ZooCorp reserves the right to check other sources available. ZooCorp's decision will be based on multiple evaluation criteria.

While it is the intent of the pre-qualification questionnaire and documents required therewith to assist ZooCorp in determining bidder responsibility prior to the submission of bids and to aid ZooCorp in selecting the best value responsible bidder, neither the fact of pre-qualification, nor any pre-qualification rating, will preclude ZooCorp from a post-bid consideration and determination on a specific project of whether a bidder has the quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the proposed work, and has demonstrated the requisite trustworthiness and dedicated to customer service. Bidders are encouraged to submit pre-qualification packages as soon as possible, so that they may be notified of any deficiencies in their submission and of ZooCorp's decision of their pre-qualification status well in advance of future bids.

The pre-qualification packages must be received on or before 2:00 p.m. on March 31, 2020 under seal and marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:

Kingdoms of Asia/Orangutan Project RFQ
Fresno's Chaffee Zoo Corporation
c/o Jesse Santiago, CPM
894 W Belmont Ave.
Fresno CA 93728

The pre-qualification packages (questionnaire answers and financial statements) submitted by Bidders are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although the contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of an appeal hearing. Pre-qualification packages turned in by Bidders after the deadline set forth above will not be considered or reviewed for prequalification purposes and will be returned unopened. Bidders submitting a prequalification package will not be reimbursed for any costs incurred in the application process regardless of their approval or rejection by ZooCorp representatives.

Each questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated at the end of the form, by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Bidder on whose behalf that person is signing. If any information provided by a Bidder is later determined to be inaccurate, or becomes inaccurate as a result of a subsequent event, the Bidder must immediately notify ZooCorp and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

NOTICE: To contractors who are using subcontractors for this job, please be advised that the ZooCorp **may** require pre-qualification of subcontractors, especially for Specialty Trades. If subcontractor prequalification is required such requirement will be noted in the project specific proposal request.