

**Aquaria Exhibit Design Services
Project/Contract No. A5134
Questions & Answers
December 18, 2019**

1) Q: The RFP indicates a 2-year contract term. Does this 2-year term include both design and construction?

A: The overall schedule for the construction of the Estuarium building is unknown at this time. The 2 year contract period will cover completion of Phase I services as described in this RFP and any Phase II Services that the Trust elects to move forward with. It is unlikely that the construction of the exhibits will occur within the initial 2 year contract period. The contract term may be extended.

2) Q: Has a budget been established for the exhibit and tank design and fabrication costs?

A: A final budget for the construction of the aquaria exhibits has not been established at this time. The selected Respondent will advise the Trust on estimated costs for these features at varying scales in Phase I of the Services so that a budget can be established at the end of Phase 1.

3) Q: If an exhibit fabricator/vendor assists in the design of the exhibits and tanks, will that fabricator/vendor remain eligible to bid on the fabrication and construction of the exhibits?

A: Fabricators/vendors providing good and services under this project may be eligible to propose on future phases.

4) Q: Does the exhibit design include interior fit-out work of the new facility? If not, will the building architect have responsibility for FF&E?

A: The exhibit design does not include the interior fit out of the proposed building. The Trust anticipates that the building architect will be responsible for FF+E with input from the exhibit design team as needed during Phase II.

5) Q: Will the final exhibits include media-based exhibits such as digital interpretation and augmentation?

A: Potentially. However, such scope is not included in this scope of work.

6) Q: Should the proposed fee be limited to Phase 1, Tasks 1-5, as indicated on the Fee and Cost Schedule (Exhibit 2)?

A: The task based fee proposal is limited to Phase 1, tasks 1-5 as indicated on the Fee and Cost Schedule. Hourly rates will be used for services rendered at the Trust's direction on tasks 6-27.

7) Q: It appears that the Estuarium building itself is a separate RFP from that of the Aquaria design. Would it also be possible to receive information on that, or has the building design team already been selected?

A. The Trust is presently contracting for aquaria exhibit design services only. An RFP for building design services will likely be issued at a future date and would be publicly available.

8) Q: Is there an anticipated start date set for when work might begin and if there would be any union labor participation requirements or just prevailing wage.

A: At this time, the Trust is contracting for aquaria design services only,. Prevailing wage requirements apply only to construction contracts. The timeline for the construction of the exhibits is dependent on the overall schedule for the Estuarium building, which is not fully known at this time.

9) Q: Our firm focuses on location based interactives and multimedia. Is there work for us in the scope of this project?

A: We do not anticipate the inclusion of digital interactives or multimedia in this scope of work.

10) Q: Have certain expert resources already been contracted by the Hudson River Park Trust – or are currently on staff at the River Project – to be used for this project? e.g. Marine Biologist, Aquaculturist, Hydrologist etc.

A: Trust staff (which now includes some former River Project staff) is knowledgeable in matters related the to the species and habitats that we wish to display in the aquaria and has some expertise in these areas. However, the design team must be able to implement the vision and project goals established by the Trust staff through the RFP. In addition, an important aspect of Phase 1 will be to help the Trust understand the roles and relative levels of expertise and care that would be required for the various aquaria systems at the selected scale.

11) Q: Would interested firms still be able to schedule a pre-proposal walk-through in lieu of a formal one not being established?

A: Hudson River Park Trust is not scheduling any pre-proposal walk-throughs for this project.

12) Q. If selected to perform the scope of services under this RFP, would the contracted firm and/or its subconsultants be precluded from submitting a proposal for subsequent phases, such as the building design?

A: Subconsultants that work on this project may be eligible to propose on future phases.

13) Q: Has a budget been established for Phase I?

A: Please see response to question 2.

14) Q: Has a schedule been established for Phase I?

A: The schedule for the Phase I services is to be proposed by the Respondent and it represents 15% of the total RFP scoring. Respondents can assume that work on Phase I will begin in early February. The schedule for Phase II Scope need not be included in the response, as it is dependent on a number of external factors.

15) Q: If we have an architect on our team does that preclude them from being on the team as described in Phase II?

A: Please see response to question 12.

16) Q: Is New York licensure required for Phase I?

A: New York Licensure is not required for Phase I services.

17) Q: Should the scope of services and schedule requested in RFP section 3.1.2 include Tasks 1-27 as indicated in Appendix B Section III – Specific Service to be provided by the Consultants?

A: Please see response to question 14. The schedule being evaluated as part of the RFP scoring is limited to Tasks 1-5.