

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
VETERINARY CARE AT LIVING DESERT ZOO AND GARDENS STATE PARK**

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), State Parks Division (State Parks Division), is requesting proposals to provide veterinary care at Living Desert Zoo Gardens State Park (LDZGSP) in Carlsbad, including 24-hour emergency care, pest and parasite control programs, vaccination programs, and other disease control and prevention programs.

The successful Offeror shall have all of the following qualifications:

- a State of New Mexico licensed veterinary service consisting of two or more persons, each of whom must possess a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris from a recognized and accredited veterinary college. Each must be accredited in the State of New Mexico and meet all applicable current veterinary licensing requirements from the State of New Mexico;
- veterinary training and a minimum of four years' experience in providing continuing veterinary care for all major classes of vertebrates in a public zoological setting;
- specific experience in the veterinary management of native wildlife including but not limited to wild/captive canids, felids, ursids, and mustelids, as well as experience in veterinary management of native/exotic hoofstock, birds of prey, passerines, amphibians, and non-venomous and venomous reptiles;
- previous zoo experience, including experience in the development of a written program of veterinary care and preventative medicine, including but not limited to internal and external parasite control, routine fecal examination, physiological and behavioral observations, behavioral enrichment, and animal keeper/staff training;
- experience in the training and development of animal keeper staff to make observations, use sound judgment, and report on the potential need for veterinary intervention;
- experience in the husbandry, breeding, and captive management of native birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians including veterinary care, safe handling, and management of venomous reptiles;
- training and experience in principles and contemporary methods of animal capture and restraint, including the Telinject chemical immobilization system;
- ability to provide veterinary services on a scheduled basis, including a minimum of twice monthly on-site inspections, as well as provide 24-hour veterinary emergency services in accordance with AZA requirements and all provisions of the USDA Animal Welfare Act;

- membership in AZA, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, Association of Avian Veterinarians, Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians, Wildlife Disease Association , or American Veterinary Medical Association;
- knowledge and experience in the veterinary needs for maintaining veterinary clinic facilities serving a diverse collection of zoo animals;
- consultation and planning experience with governmental agencies responsible for maintenance and operation of public zoo veterinary clinic facilities; and
- specific knowledge of and experience with AZA Standards and Guidelines and provisions of the Animal Welfare Act and USDA Program of Veterinary Care.

Documents supporting the above qualifications must be submitted with proposal for consideration.

Copies of the complete RFP may obtain from:

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Copies may also be downloaded from the Division website:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SPD/RequestsForProposals.html>

Offerors shall submit one proposal in pdf to the email above, no later than 4:30 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time, April 25, 2024. EMNRD shall not accept proposals received after this date and shall make absolutely no exceptions for proposals not received at the above location by the appointed time.

This public notice is given pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-113. The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.