

**RFP for Interactive and Engaging Exhibits for the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science
Proposal Request No. 19-0004**

Answers to Questions Asked as of 12/18/18

1. The RFP notes "Exhibit content for each exhibit will be provided by the City." but also sketches out broad content: "Some topics that must be given strong consideration include agriculture, nature, energy, meteorology, animals native to our region and state and their wildlife habitats, and in general reflect the interests of the Sioux Falls community, the surrounding region, and tourists." Will Sioux Falls provide more specific content for each exhibit at a later date? How does the process of the City providing content for each exhibit work?

Answer: Yes. Offeror, City and Museum will work directly together throughout the design process. Once concept designs are more firm, Offeror, City and Museum will determine what content needs are and will decide how to fulfill that need.

2. The RFP notes that "Graphic design of the content will be provided by the awarded Offeror." Will the project include an iterative design phase in which proposed design elements are reviewed and approved by the City?

Answer: Yes. Exhibits will be approved by City and Museum.

3. Are all exhibits to be located on the floor, or can/should some be wall-mounted?

Answer: Either or. It is up to the Offeror to determine how to best utilize the museum space.

4. Will museum staff be mediating some or all of the exhibits, or are visitors always free to use exhibits on their own?

Answer: Visitors are always free to use exhibits on their own, but staff will be available to assist.

5. Are you envisioning a mix of digital and non-digital experiences?

Answer: Heavier emphasis tactile and kinetic learning is preferred. Minimal use of digital applications is preferred.

6. The RFP notes that "The City requests 10-12 new permanent exhibits of varying sizes to replace the current exhibits in the approximately 3000 square feet currently identified as the Nature Works and Light, Sound, Action! Will any current exhibits remain in those rooms, or will this project completely replace all experiences in those spaces?"

Answer: Museum has two options regarding weather that may be repurposed.

Should those rooms remain themed as they are currently?

Answer: No.

Is it conceivable to make those two rooms into one larger room?

Answer: Through the theme, yes. No existing walls can be removed as they are structural.

7. Is this part of a larger renovation of other galleries in the Museum?

Answer: Yes. Other areas in floor are being completed by April, and designs were included with RFP. It is all a South Dakota theme. Additional images are attached.

8. The RFP requests a “conceptual plan.” Should proposals also include specific descriptions of 10 to12 individual exhibits and associated budgets?

Answer: Yes. Estimates are acceptable at this stage. In order to successfully choose an exhibit company, the museum and City need to know this can be done with the allotted budget.

9. The answers to these questions will likely not be available to proposers until 12/17, which is 3 days prior to the final proposal due date. Is it possible to get an extension for submitting the actual proposal?

Answer: The City will delay the opening to 1/3/2019.

10. Are floor plans and/or images of the relevant galleries available to proposers?

Answer: Images are attached.