

RFQ 24-717
Dr. Percy L. Julian
Chicago Avenue Streetscape Improvements

Is there an estimated value associated with this project?

An estimated value associated with the project has yet to be finalized. The preliminary budget is to be determined based on final scope, but will be identified within the Capital Improvements Plan. The Village is currently undergoing its annual budgeting process and is accounting for this project.

Is there a plan holder's list that accompanies this project?

There is no Plan Holder's list.

Has a start date been determined for the work? Is there an approximate date of completion?

Project is estimated to start in Spring/Summer 2025 and may be phased. The first Phase of the project should be completed in 2025.

What is expected regarding the "Conceptual Design Standards" listed in the Project Vision requirement? Is the team submitting on this RFQ expected to provide preliminary drawings as part of the submittal?

Drawings, conceptual/project inspiration images, past project models to be followed, and other visual depictions are all acceptable submission materials. Narratives supporting these visuals will also be accepted and considered.

Is there a preliminary budget or budget range for the consultant team's work for this project? We are evaluating what sub-consultants we would include on our team, and a general scale of the project is helpful to understand if we are staffing it appropriately.

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Can you clarify what is meant under "Response Submissions" about "Project Vision"? It states that "firms should provide a narrative and preliminary conceptual design standard...the entirety of the corridor's improvements should adhere to the narrative and conceptual design standards", but later in the RFQ it says "the streetscape feature scenarios shall be developed after the first meeting with village staff, etc." Would you like us to provide a preliminary narrative and conceptual design standards as a part of the RFQ response, or will that be developed with village staff after a team is selected?

It is requested that interested firms include preliminary/conceptual design standards/guidelines for consideration. The final design will ultimately be developed with community and staff input.

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Our assumption is that this is a qualifications response only with no need to provide proposed design fees. That said, does the village have a ballpark budget in mind for design fees once the qualifications process is finalized?

~\$50k +/-, dependent on final project scope and project phasing.

“Project Vision: The firm should provide a narrative and preliminary conceptual design standards for the Chicago Avenue streetscape between East Avenue and Austin Boulevard.”

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Do you want to see concept/s as a part of RFQ?

Yes, preliminary concepts will be accepted and considered.

What is the budget for this concept design stage? What is the soft cost budget for the design execution of the project (architect, landscape architect, civil, lighting, etc)? What is the hard cost budget for the construction of the project?

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Does the firm need to be a licensed architect or landscape architect in the state of Illinois? We are an EGD firm (Environmental Graphic Design) with a licensed architect as a principal in charge.

Yes

Will cost estimates be required be for entire streetscape construction or just the branding & signage elements?

Please provide rough order of magnitudes for the entirety of the streetscape construction and branding and signage elements.

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Are hardscape and landscape design expected to be part of this project?

There is the potential to include both hardscape and landscape design elements. Dr. Percy L. Julian had a deep interest in plant chemistry and fondness for tulips. He also maintained a personal garden at his residence.

Is roadway geometry design expected to be a part of this project's scope?

Yes, roadway geometry will likely be included.