



Fresno Chaffee Zoo • 894 West Belmont Avenue • Fresno, California 93728
Phone (559) 498-5910 • Fax (559) 264-9226

November 15, 2007

Questions: RFP

Tree Care Professional / Tree Survey

Project No: #2007-02

1. Does the zoo have recent aerial photos available and, if so, what is the resolution level? (We ordinarily will load these into our field Trimble GeoXH GPS units to serve as a basemap)

A: No, there is not a current aerial photo available.

2. Does the zoo have a GIS system in-house where the spatial and attribute data will reside?

A: No, a system will be purchased and the decision on which system the corporation purchases may be determined by the firm selected to perform the tree survey.

3. Does the zoo have any preexisting inventory data on the tree population?

A: Yes, GPS location and tree identification was done as part of the Alta Survey and is available on disc. Size and condition of trees was not part of that project.

4. Item E on the RFP mentions "unlimited software and computer support while performing tree maintenance services". As the RFP does not request the vendor supply a software product or perform any physical maintenance we are unclear as to what this item refers to.

A: No, a system will be purchased and the decision on which system the corporation purchases may be determined by the firm selected to perform the tree survey. Once a system is purchased and the data from the survey is entered into that system, it is expected that the vendor will be available to work with corporation staff in obtaining the data for various reports as outlined in the RFP.

5. Page 4 mentions the "successful Tree Care Firm". We are assuming that this RFP is not restricted to firms that perform these services and that the zoo is interested in obtaining arboricultural consultation independent of any vested interest in the maintenance recommendations generated. Would that be a correct assumption?

A: The term "Tree Care Firm" is used as a general descriptive term in this document as most Certified Arborists work with or for companies providing a variety of services related to the care and identification of the needs of maintaining an arboretum.