



# Smithsonian Institution

Office of Planning, Design, & Construction  
Construction Division

April 28, 2026

Bidders

Re: National Zoological Conservation Biology Institute (NZCBI)  
Construct Arabian Leopard Facility (ALF) Phase 1 – Early Site  
Project No.: 2533105  
Request for Proposal

Please provide a construction cost proposal no later than May 27, 2026, 2:00 PM, for the work indicated in the specifications and drawings both dated April 2, 2026, and Drawings Clarification dated April 21, 2026. The Smithsonian reserves the right to request all estimates from subcontractors, suppliers and the prime contractor supported by back up documents showing man-hours, wage rates, material quantities, and material unit costs. The proposal must comply with the Davis-Bacon Wage Act.

A site visit will be held on :  
Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7:00 AM

Location: Bus Drop Off Entrance – located across from Parking Lot A. Participants should park in Parking Lot A.

Ryan Swanier will be the POC on this project.

The proposed prices will be evaluated for reasonableness. Price reasonableness determines whether an Offeror's price is too high or too low. Analysis of price proposals will be carried out using one or more of the techniques defined in FAR 15.404 in order to determine price reasonableness. The Smithsonian Institution reserves the right, in accordance with the regulations governing this request for proposal, to reject offers that are deemed to reflect an unrealistic price, suggesting a lack of understanding of the complexity and risks associated with the contract requirements. Award of this project is contingent upon the availability of funding and will be at the discretion of the Contracting Officer.

Submit your proposal via email to Jo-Ann Romano [romanoj@si.edu](mailto:romanoj@si.edu) and Scott Pospiech [pospiechs@si.edu](mailto:pospiechs@si.edu).

Sincerely,

Josh Shaw  
Deputy Director