

Call for Audio Visual Contractors – Request for Expressions of Interest

Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre, operated by the District of North Vancouver

Contractor Fee: \$3,000 - \$5,000

The Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre is seeking expressions of interest to upgrade our Nature Sounds machine to modern technologies. We are looking to partner with an individual or company who has experience with RFID and audio programming. Carpentry and graphic design work is not required.

Background:

The Ecology Centre is located in beautiful Lynn Canyon Park, in the temperate rainforest. Opened in 1971 for British Columbia's Centennial, the building is designed in the shape of a dogwood, BC's provincial flower. We have 5 different wings of our museum featuring plants, animals, humans, a kid's area and our theatre. In addition to our displays on nature, we are the information centre for Lynn Canyon Park, have a small sustainable gift shop and provide education opportunities for the schools and public.

The Nature Sounds machine is located in our kids' area. It was originally installed in 2003 and uses a *Califone CardMaster* machine. The cards are paper based and have a magnetic strip with a pre-recorded sound of a bird or mammal. Visitors can place a card in the slot and push it forward until the machine carries it along. The sound will then play for a couple of seconds.

We would like to keep the current actions required to play a sound but update the technology to allow for improved audio quality and ease of use.

Eligibility:

- Only contractors based out of the Lower Mainland can apply
- Contractors must have appropriate WCB and liability coverage

Your Expression of Interest should contain the following information:

- Contact Details: Name, address, email and phone number
- Intent: Outline your approach to this project and initial concept ideas
- Experience: History of past projects, education and/or relevant experience
- Portfolio: Up to 10 images of past work, if applicable

Selection Process:

Submissions will be considered on a rolling basis.

Technical Notes

- Power gets switched off to this area of the museum each night
- The housing of the machine will be re-built in coordination with the AV updates

Administrative Notes

- Due to the large number of submissions, only shortlisted companies will be contacted.
- After completion of the project, the District of North Vancouver reserves the right to modify and maintain the technology at its discretion.
- The District of North Vancouver reserves the right to not implement the project should circumstances change.

How to apply

Please submit design proposal to the Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre

Email: ecocentre@dnv.org

Subject line: Ecology Centre Nature Sound Display – *(Your Name/Company)*



