

General Information Sheet

AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATORS:

Name: Heidi Natura Phone # 773.467.1634 ext 1 Email: heidinatura@livinghabitats.com

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email: _____

RECEIPT OF ADDENDA: The receipt of the following addenda is hereby acknowledged:

Addendum No. 1, Dated March 20, 2025

Addendum No. 2, Dated March 21, 2025

Addendum No. 3, Dated March 25, 2025

In submitting this statement of interest, it is understood that the County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals, to accept an alternate submittals, and to waive any informalities in any submittal.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION: (check one only)

____ Sole Proprietor: An individual whose signature is affixed to this proposal.

____ Partnership: State full names, titles, and addresses of all responsible principals and/or partners on attached sheet.

X Corporation: State of Incorporation: Nevada

____ Non-profit Corporation

____ 501c3-- U.S. Internal Revenue Code

By signing this proposal document, the proposer hereby certifies that it is not barred from bidding on a contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended.

Living Habitats LLC

Business Name



Signature

Heidi Natura

Print or Type Name

Principal & CEO

Title

April 1, 2025

Date

References

Provide FIVE (5) references for projects. Governmental references are preferred over others. (Attach additional pages as needed)

Entity: Chicago Botanic Garden

Address: 1000 Lake Cook Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Glencoe, IL 60022

Name of Contact Person Fred Spicer, Executive Vice President and Director

Email Address: fspicer@chicagobotanic.org

Telephone Number: (847) 835-8221

Description of Services Provided: Master planning and implementation design for shoreline restoration, and ongoing landscape architectural consulting for special projects.

Date of Service: / /2003 To / /Present

Entity: Openlands

Address: Suite 1650, 25 East Washington Street

City, State, Zip Code: Chicago, IL 60602

Name of Contact Person Gerald Adelmann, President Emeritus

Email Address: jadelmann@openlands.org

Telephone Number: (312) 863-6262

Description of Services Provided: Landscape architecture and planning services including site assessment, planting and hardscape design, and long-range management planning for numerous Openlands projects

Date of Service: / /2007 To / /2021

Entity: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Address: 100 E Erie St

City, State, Zip Code: Chicago, IL 60611

Name of Contact Person Richard Fisher, Principal Civil Engineer

Email Address: FisherR@MWRD.org

Telephone Number: (312) 751-5479

Description of Services Provided: Landscape architectural design, documentation, and construction administration services as a subconsultant to Donohue and Associates

Date of Service: / /2017 To / /Present

Entity: Chicago Botanic Garden

Address: 1000 Lake Cook Rd

City, State, Zip Code: Glencoe, IL 60022

Name of Contact Person Peter Nagle, Managing Ecologist, Lakes and Shorelines & Woman's Board Curator of Aquatics

Email Address: pnagle@chicagobotanic.org

Telephone Number: (847) 835-6843

Description of Services Provided: Consulting services related to implementation, monitoring floristic quality of vegetation, and assisting with stewardship training for the Garden's shorelines and aquatic exhibits

Date of Service: / /2003 To / /Present

Entity: Forest Preserves of Cook County

Address: 536 North Harlem Avenue

City, State, Zip Code: River Forest, IL 60305

Name of Contact Person Jacqui Ulrich, Director, Conservation & Experiential Programming

Email Address: Jacqui.Ulrich@cookcountyil.gov


Telephone Number: (312) 859-1982

Description of Services Provided: Ecological consulting and community engagement planning and facilitation

Date of Service: / /2022 To / /2024

Please note: references for subconsultant Spaceco are available upon request.

COMPANY NAME Living Habitats

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE 

TITLE Principal & CEO

DATE April 1, 2025

FIRM QUALIFICATIONS

Name and Address of Office from which this contract will be administered
(ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NEEDED)

Name: Living Habitats LLC

Address: 6575 North Avondale Ave
Chicago, IL 60641

Phone: (773) 467-1634 Fax: (773) 467-8575

Email Address heidinatura@livinghabitats.com

Project Manager: Hannah Cusick, PLA

Years in Business: 24 Number of Employees: 7

Annual Sales: \$ 1.2 mil Dunn & Bradstreet #: 168149255

Indicate if firm is a certified M/W/DBE and attach certification: WBE

List employees who will be dedicated to the Project: (Attach additional pages as necessary)

NAME	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF YEARS	AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY/TASK EXPERIENCE
<u>Heidi Natura</u>	<u>Principal & CEO</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Landscape architecture and ecological oversight</u>
<u>Hannah Cusick</u>	<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Design & documentation; coordination w/ Civil</u>
<u>Becky Rupel</u>	<u>QA/QC Lead</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>Design & documentation review</u>
<u>Jessica Gonzalez</u>	<u>Landscape Designer</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Design & documentation support</u>
<u>Rashad Tiam Watt</u>	<u>Landscape Designer</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Design & documentation support</u>
<u>William Loftus*</u>	<u>Engineering Principal</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>Civil and site engineering oversight</u>
<u>Daniel Stevens*</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Civil and site engineering QA/QC</u>
<u>Sean McGovern*</u>	<u>Senior Project Mgr</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Civil and site engineering</u>
<u>Brian Kravets*</u>	<u>UAS Operations Mgr</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Surveying and mapping</u>

*Employed by subconsultant firm Spaceco



Addendum Acknowledgement SOI #25191

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addendum(s):

ADDENDUM #	SIGNATURE
1	Heidi Natura
2	Heidi Natura
3	Heidi Natura

I have examined and carefully prepared the submittal documentation in detail before submitting my response to Lake County.

Submittal Number: **SOI #25191**

Company Name: Living Habitats LLC

Authorized Representative: Heidi Natura

Authorized Representative: Signature
Heidi Natura, Principal & CEO
Print

Date: April 1, 2025

It is the vendor's responsibility to check for addendums, posted on the website at <http://lakecountypurchasingportal.com> prior to the submittal due date. No notification will be sent when addendums are posted unless there is an addendum posted within three business days of the submittal due date.

If the submittal has already been received by Lake County, vendors are required to acknowledge receipt of addendum via email to purchasing@lakecountyil.gov prior to the due date.

Submittals that do not acknowledge addendums may be rejected.

The County of Lake has a responsibility to balance fiscal, environmental, and social considerations into its operational decision-making process. The County's commitment to green and sustainable practices and good environmental stewardship was memorialized by the Lake County Board in the County's 2013 Strategic Plan where sustainability is listed as a value and a goal. This was further strengthened in September 2020 by adopting a Net Zero Emissions goal through Joint Resolution. Therefore, we shall promote environmentally preferable purchasing, whenever practical, by procuring goods or services that lessen the destructive effects on the environment and the health and well-being of all citizens.

Consideration of the practices adopted by our contracted firms is key to magnifying the impact of the County's sustainability measures. Proposers are requested to provide a Statement of Sustainability demonstrating the methods they have incorporated into their firms. Sustainability may be one of the scoring criteria included the evaluation rubric for the award of this contract.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide a narrative outlining any policies or practices implemented by your firm to reduce your carbon footprint. Your response should include, but need not be limited to:

- A copy of your firm's sustainability policy, awards, and accolades.
- Practices such as waste minimization, energy/water efficiency, methods instituted to reduce pollution, green products utilized, staff education, community involvement and volunteerism.
 - Specifically include the percentage of your firm's energy that comes from renewable sources and percentage of your fleet that is non-emitting.
- Sustainable approaches your firm may have for this specific project.
- Cost variances to incorporate a more sustainable approach to this project and any calculated life cycle costs.

Please refer to pages 39 - 40 in Statement of Interest document for our sustainability statement.



VENDOR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Vendor Name:	Living Habitats		
Address:	6575 N Avondale Ave, Chicago, IL 60631		
Contact Person:	Heidi Natura	Contact Phone #:	(773) 467-1634 ext. 1
Bid/RFP/SOI/Contract/Renewal:	SOI#25191		

Vendors wishing to contract with Lake County for goods and services in an amount greater than \$30,000 shall submit this form in advance of award. This disclosure statement is not required for utility companies regulated by the Illinois Commerce Commission or local units of government. Vendors shall disclose:

- A familial relationship between a Lake County elected official, department director, deputy director and manager and owners, principals, executives, officers, account managers or other similar managerial positions of the vendor's company. Familial relationship is defined as a spouse (including civil partner), child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, in-laws (including parent, grandparent, sibling, or child), relatives and non-relatives living in the same residence, and offspring born to any aforementioned person.
- All political campaign contributions made by the vendor or an owner, principal, executive, officer, account manager, or other similar managerial position of the vendor to any county board member, county board chair, or countywide elected official within the last five years.

If there is nothing to report in a section, please state none in the appropriate space.

FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS

List names and departments/agencies of Lake County employees or public officials with whom owners, principals, or officers of the vendor's company have a familial relationship and the nature of the relationship. Attach additional pages, as necessary. (Provide all names or state none in the space below. Do not leave blank.)

Name and Department/Agency of Lake County Employee/Public Official	Familial Relationship
none	

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

List campaign contributions that have been made within the last five years that exceed \$150 annually. Attach additional pages, as necessary. (Provide all names or state none in the space below. Do not leave blank.)

Recipient	Donor	Description (e.g., cash, type of item, in-kind service, etc.)	Amount/Value	Date Made
none				

Continuing disclosure is required if information changes. This Vendor Disclosure Statement form is available at www.lakecountyil.gov.

The full text of the County's Ethics and Procurement policies and ordinances are available at www.lakecountyil.gov.

I hereby acknowledge that the information above is accurate and complete, that I am an authorized signer on behalf of the vendor, that I have read and understand these disclosure requirements, and that I agree to update this information if there are any related changes by submitting a new Vendor Disclosure Statement.

Authorized Signature:		Title:	Principal & CEO
Printed Name:	Heidi Natura	Date:	April 1, 2025

Vendors must insert "x" in the following box indicating exception and provide a brief narrative for exception.

VENDOR CERTIFICATION FORM

Bid/RFP/SOI Number:	SOI #25191		
Vendor Name:	Living Habitats		
Address:	6575 N Avondale Ave, Chicago, IL 60631		
Primary Contact Name:	Heidi Natura		
Primary Contact Email Address:	heidinatura@livinghabitats.com		
Primary Contact Phone Number:	(773) 467-1634 ext. 1		
Project Manager Name:	Hannah Cusick		
Project Manager Email Address:	hannahcusick@livinghabitats.com		
Project Manager Phone Number:	(773) 467-1634 ext. 7		
# Years in Business:	24	Number of Employees:	7
Annual Sales:	\$ 1.2 million	Dunn & Bradstreet #:	168149255
Vendor Certification Statement: Please identify all the following that apply to the ownership of this firm. This information is collected for reporting purposes only and not vendor selection. Please include a copy of the certification. (Definitions are included on the second page of Vendor Certification Form).			
	Contractor certifies as a Minority – Business Enterprise (MBE)		
X	Contractor certifies as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE)		
	Contractor certifies as a Veteran-Owned (VBE) Business Enterprise		
	Contractor certifies as a Persons with Disabilities Owned Business Enterprise (PDBE)		
	Contractor certifies as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVBE) Business Enterprise		
X	Contractor certifies as a Business Enterprise Program (BEP)		
X	Contractor certifies as a Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB)		
	Contractor certifies as a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB)		
	Local Business		
	None		
Other (Specify)	See attached pages at the end of this document		
Certification Number:	See attached pages at the end of this document		
Certified by (Agency):	See attached pages at the end of this document		

I certify that this information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to provide this information on behalf of my company.

Heidi Natura
Signature, Title

Heidi Natura, Principal & CEO
Printed Name, Title

April 1, 2025
Date

Vendor Certification Definitions

- **Minority-owned business (MBE)**
A business concern which is at least 51% owned by one or more minority persons, or in the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock in which is owned by one or more minority persons; and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more of the minority individuals who own it.
- **Woman-owned business (WBE)**
A business which is at least 51% owned by one or more women, or, in the case of a corporation, at least 51% of the stock in which is owned by one or more women; and the management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more of the women who own it.
- **Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (VBE)**
A small business (i) that is at least 51 percent owned, controlled and managed by one or more Eligible Veterans or in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent or more of the stock of which is owned, controlled and managed by one or more Eligible Veterans.
 - Eligible Veteran means a person who (i) has been either a member of the armed forces of the United States or, while a citizen of the United States, was a member of the armed forces of allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a foreign country and (ii) has served under one or more of the following conditions: (a) the veteran served a total of at least 6 months; (b) the veteran served for the duration of hostilities regardless of the length of the engagement; (c) the veteran was discharged on the basis of hardship; or (d) the veteran was released from active duty because of a service connected disability and was discharged under honorable conditions.
 - Armed Forces of the United States means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or service in active duty as defined under 38 U.S.C. Section 101. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty under Section 401 of federal Public Act 95-202 shall also be considered service in the armed forces for purposes of this Division.
- **Persons with Disabilities Owned Business Enterprise (PDDBE)**
A small business (i) that is at least 51 percent owned, controlled and managed by one or more Persons with a Disability; or in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent or more of the stock of which is owned, controlled, and managed by one or more Persons with a Disability.
 - Disability or Disabled means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.
- **Service-Disabled Veteran-owned Business Enterprise (SDVBE)**
A small business (i) that is at least 51 percent owned, controlled, and managed by one or more qualified service-disabled veterans or in the case of a corporation, at least 51 percent or more of the stock of which is owned, controlled and managed by one or more Service Disabled Veterans.
 - Service-Disabled Veteran means an Eligible Veteran who has been found to have 10 percent or more service-connected disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense.
 - Service-connected disability means a disability incurred in the line of duty in the active military, naval or air service as described in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).
- **BEP – Business Enterprise Program**
Business Enterprise Program (BEP) BEP assists businesses owned by minorities, women, and people with disabilities gain access to the State of Illinois procurement process. BEP certification with the State of Illinois can also open the door to opportunities with other public and private entities which are looking for diverse suppliers.
- **Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB)**
A Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) is a small business owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals as defined by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.001
- **Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB)**
A Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) is a small business that is at least 51 percent owned by one or more veterans; or, if a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock is owned by one or more veterans. Also, one or more veterans control management and daily business operations of the firm.
- **Local business**
Lake County launched a Buy Local. Build Local. Work Local initiative in 2013 to increase the outreach and procurement opportunities for businesses located within Lake County, including women-owned businesses and minority-owned business enterprises (L/W/MBE). The overarching objective is to maximize participation from these businesses in the County's procurement process, in accordance with applicable law.



WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
NATIONAL COUNCIL

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hereby grants

National Women's Business Enterprise Certification

to

Living Habitats LLC

who has successfully met WBENC's standards as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE).
This certification affirms the business is woman-owned, operated and controlled and is valid through the date herein.

Certification Granted: March 1, 2007

Expiration Date: March 31, 2025

WBENC National Certification Number: 2005111121

WBENC National WBE Certification was processed and validated by Women's Business Development Center - Midwest, a WBENC Regional Partner Organization.

Authorized by Emilia DiMenco, President &
CEO Women's Business Development Center -
Midwest



NAICS: 541320, 541430, 541490, 541620, 711510
UNSPSC: 30121800, 77101600





August 6, 2024

Heidi Natura
Living Habitats LLC
6575 N. Avondale Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631

Annual Certification Renewal: April 8, 2025

Dear Ms. Natura:

Congratulations on your continued eligibility for certification as a **Women Business Enterprise (WBE)**, by Cook County Government. This certification does not expire; however, you must re-validate your firm's certification annually.

In the past, we have provided annual letters, this practice will no longer continue given that your firm will remain certified indefinitely based on your compliance to programmatic requirements. Please refer to this letter, the Vendor Directory, and your account dashboard for evidence of certification.

As a condition of continued Certification, you must file a **No Change Affidavit** within **ninety (90) calendar days prior** to the date of the annual renewal. Failure to file this affidavit may result in the removal of your Certification. You must notify Cook County's Office of Contract Compliance of any change in ownership or control or any other matters or facts affecting your firm's eligibility for Certification within **ten (10) calendar days** of such change.

Cook County Government may commence action to remove your firm as a certified vendor if you fail to notify us of any changes of facts affecting your firm's Certification, fails to submit annual renewals, or if your firm otherwise fails to cooperate with the County in any inquiry or investigation. Removal of your status may also be commenced if your firm is found to be involved in bidding or contractual irregularities.

Your firm's name will be listed in Cook County's Directory of certified firms in the following area(s) of specialty:

NAICS CODES:

NAICS 541320: LAND USE DESIGN SERVICES

NAICS 541320: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS' OFFICES

NAICS 541320: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

NAICS 541320: LANDSCAPE DESIGN SERVICES

NAICS 541320: LANDSCAPE PLANNING SERVICES

Your firm's participation on Cook County contracts will be credited toward **Women Business Enterprise (WBE)** goals in your area(s) of specialty. While your participation on Cook County contracts is not limited to your specialty, credit toward **Women Business Enterprise (WBE)** goals will be given only for work done in the specialty category.

Thank you for your continued interest in Cook County Government's Minority, Women, Veteran, Service-Disabled Veteran, and Persons with Disabilities Business Enterprise Programs.

Sincerely,

The Office of Contract Compliance

CEI BEP: BE BEP Certification Award Notice

2 messages

State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion <ceibep@diversitysoftware.com>
Reply-To: State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion <ceibep@diversitysoftware.com>
To: heidinatura@livinghabitats.com

Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 2:01 PM



State of Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion
Business Enterprise Program
100 W. Randolph St., Suite 4-100, Chicago, IL 60601
www.cei.illinois.gov

June 7, 2023

Ms. Heidi Natura
Living Habitats LLC
[6575 N. Avondale Ave.](#)
[Chicago, IL 60631](#)

Re: BE Enrolled Business Enterprise Program (BE BEP)

Dear Ms. Heidi Natura:

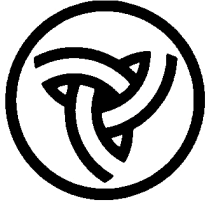
Congratulations, as Chairperson of the Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI), I would like to advise you that your business qualifies for enrollment in the new Be Enrolled Business Enterprise Certification Program (BE BEP). In January 2022, the Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) was created to modernize the state's practices and protocols related to equity and inclusion in contracting and hiring. The BEP Program was removed from CMS and placed in CEI, whose mission is directly aligned with the mission of BEP. As we establish our new agency, CEI has been carefully reviewing all aspects of the BEP program and council. The BE BEP Certification Program was established to allow for the seamless activation state M/W/PBE certification and reduces duplicative red tape. CEI enrolled your business in the BE BEP Program based on the diversity certification issued by the City of Chicago's and/or Cook County's MWBE vendor directory OR certified within the IL UCP program by CTA, Pace, Metra, IDOT, or the City of Chicago.

Host Agency: Cook County**Renewal Date:** April 8, 2024**Certification Expiration Date:** April 8, 2024**Certification Type:** Women Business Enterprise (WBE)

Your new BE BEP Certification is based on your business maintaining its certification with its initial host agency. The newly activated BE BEP Certification duration and commodity codes will match the existing certification held with the City of Chicago and/or Cook County. If the vendor's certification with the host agency expires or its bidding privileges are suspended, then your BE BEP Certification will also be suspended. You may however apply for full State of Illinois BEP Certification at cei.illinois.gov/bepvendor.

Business & Contact Information

Business Name	Living Habitats LLC
Doing Business As (DBA/Trade) Name	
Contact Person	Heidi Natura
Address	6575 N. Avondale Ave., ,
County	Cook
City	Chicago
State	Illinois
Zip	60631
Country	United States
Phone	(773) 467-1634
Fax	
Email	heidinatura@livinghabitats.com
Website	
Ethnicity	Caucasian American
Gender	Female
Application Type	BE BEP Application (Be Enrolled BEP Application)
Certification Type	Women Business Enterprise
Certifying Agency	
Certification Number	
Certification Status	Active
Certification Date	06/04/2024
Renewal Date	06/04/2025
Expiration Date	06/04/2025



Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of Business & Workforce Diversity
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois 62764

February 10, 2025

CERTIFIED-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Heidi Natura
Living Habitats LLC
6575 N. Avondale Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631

Dear Ms. Natura:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has approved the *Declaration of Eligibility* for **Living Habitats LLC** and determined that the firm continues to meet DBE eligibility standards to perform work towards DBE goals.

To remain certified and in good standing, you must annually submit a *Declaration of Eligibility (DOE)*. Your firm's next affidavit is due on **January 2, 2026**. IDOT will send an affidavit form 60 days prior to that date.

Should the submitted information change, you are required to notify IDOT's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises within 30 days of the change.

Note: Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26.83(i), whenever there is a change in circumstances affecting your firm's eligibility status, your firm must provide written notification to IDOT within 30 days of the occurrence of the change. If you fail to make timely notification, it may result in the loss of your firm's certification.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Small Business Enterprises at (217) 782-5490.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Lee".

Debra Lee
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Small Business Enterprises