

**King County Library System
Request for Qualifications
Architecture-Engineering Services
For Two New Libraries**

**Renton Library
Renton Highlands Library
Submittal Date: February 23, 2011**

The King County Library System requests the submittal of statements of qualifications for **either or both** of the following projects:

Renton Library: New Library of 15,000- 20,000 sq ft including Site Development Work;
Renton Highlands Library: New Library of 15,000 sq ft including Site Development Work

The City of Renton citizens recently voted to annex to the King County Library District for Library Services. As a part of the agreement, the City has pledged to fund two new replacement libraries and King County Library System has agreed to operate the new facilities. KCLS is managing the selection and design development process with consultant teams to plan, design and administer construction of the new libraries.

The current Renton Library is located at 100 Mill Ave S, Renton, Washington. The City of Renton is currently negotiating for the site of the new library. We expect the new site to be announced soon.

The City of Renton has also pledged to fund the replacement of the Renton Highlands Library, currently located at 2902 NE 12th Street, Renton, WA. The new building will total approximately 15,000 sq ft and be located in the vicinity of Sunset Boulevard NE (State Route 900) and Harrington Ave NE. The Renton Housing Authority currently owns the property. The new library is envisioned to be an integral part of a larger redevelopment effort planned jointly between the City and Housing Authority. We expect to be able to design the project concurrent with the site acquisition process.

Services required include demonstrated leadership and experience in Architectural and Engineering Excellence with proven award winning buildings, interiors & site design examples; demonstrated effectiveness in obtaining permits in a timely and cost effective way and management of construction administration in coordination with a construction manager for the owner. Preference will be given to submittals showing experience and expertise designing facilities that were catalysts for achieving broader community revitalization, particularly in urban, mixed-use neighborhoods.

Pre Submittal Meeting: a non mandatory presubmittal information meeting is planned for February 15, 2011, beginning at 1:30 pm-2:30pm. The meeting will be at the Renton Library located over the Cedar River at 100 Mill Avenue S, Renton, WA. KCLS and City staff will be present to discuss the context and ambitions for the projects, answer questions and provide the opportunity for consultants to exchange contact information.

Submittal Requirements for Each Project: Include a statement of qualifications presenting work that the architectural-engineering team has completed for public client projects that are

similar in scope and that have received recognition or awards. Include Public presentation experience and a specific example of work with the public.

Each submittal must include: (1) a brief letter of introduction; (2) an organizational chart and summary resumes of key personnel assigned to the project, including designations of the project manager, project architect, and all other professional services providers. (3) Examples of projects of similar type and scale that show the team approach to leadership and management; (4) Names and contact information of at least three references; and (5) please provide a description of the firm's affirmative efforts to provide equitable opportunities for persons of all backgrounds to participate in projects.

Please limit required materials to no more than 20 pages, single sided. Additional sheets for photographs of projects should be limited to no more than 10 pages, single sided.

Submittals shall consist of six (6) copies of the required materials and may be mailed or hand delivered to the address listed below for questions. The outside of the envelope must be marked for the project that is the focus of the submittal "**RFQ-RENTON Library Project**" or "**RFQ for RENTON HIGHLANDS Library**". Submittals must be received no later than **Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.** Based on the submitted qualifications, a list of finalists will be selected for interviews.

Selection Process: The submittals will be evaluated and a short list compiled for interviews. Submittals will be evaluated and screened by a committee consisting of KCLS and City of Renton staff. Finalists will be interviewed by a committee including representatives of King County Library System and City of Renton administration, a KCLS Board Member and Three Renton citizens including Library Board and Renton Arts Commission representatives. The projects may be awarded to one firm or awarded to two separate teams as determined by the interview and selection panel.

The King County Library System reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive irregularities and informalities in this selection process.

The Submittals and Questions should be addressed to

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