

**City of New Orleans, Louisiana
Request for Letters of Interest for
Design-Build Services
Five (5) New Orleans Public Libraries
Capital Projects Administration**

I. Request for Letters of Interest: The City of New Orleans is hereby announcing its intent to enter into a Design-Build contract with an experienced firm for five (5) New Orleans Public Libraries. As provided below and incident to City Ordinance 23168-Mayor Council Series and Paragraph (A)(2) of La R.S. 38:2225.2.1, the City requests Letters of Interest from experienced firms in Design-Build possessing both professional engineering design capability and qualified construction capability.

II. Brief Description of Project

Algiers Regional Library

- a. Proposed Function: Algiers Regional Branch will be a new regional library to replace the existing library located at 3014 Holiday Drive.
- b. Approximate Size or Capacity of Algiers Regional Branch:
 - i. Approximately 27,762 square feet. Three-story raised building with parking on ground floor.
 - ii. Supports several meeting rooms seating 150 persons, seating for 100 readers, 36 computer stations, and 30-seat story time areas for children.
 - iii. Includes a wellness branch to with a juice bar and gift shop.

East New Orleans Regional Library

- a. Proposed Function: East New Orleans Regional Library will be a new regional library to replace the existing library located at 5641 Read Boulevard.
- b. Approximate Size or Capacity of East New Orleans Regional Library:
 - i. Approximately 27,762 square feet. Three-story raised building with parking on ground floor.
 - ii. Supports several meeting rooms seating 150 persons, seating for 100 readers, 36 computer stations, and 30-seat story time areas for children.
 - iii. Includes a technology and innovation branch with internet café, plus an exterior patio leading to a bike path and connection to Joe Brown Park.

Norman Mayer District Library

- a. Proposed Function: Norman Mayer District Library will be a new district library to replace the existing library located at 2098 Foy Street.
- b. Approximate Size or Capacity of Norman Mayer District Library:
 - i. Approximately 18,849 square feet raised building.
 - ii. Supports meeting rooms seating 60 persons, seating for 60 readers, 30 computer stations, and 30-seat story time areas for children.
 - iii. Includes an internet café.

Nora Navra Neighborhood Library

- a. Proposed Function: Nora Navra Neighborhood Library will be a new neighborhood library to replace the existing library located at 1902 St. Bernard Avenue.
- b. Approximate Size or Capacity of Nora Navra Neighborhood Library:
 - i. Approximately 6,100 square feet.
 - ii. Supports meeting rooms seating 30 persons, seating for 24 readers, 10 computer stations.
 - iii. Includes a gift shop.

Robert E. Smith Community Library

- a. Proposed Function: Robert E. Smith Community Library will be a new community library to replace the existing library located at 6301 Canal Blvd.
- b. Approximate Size or Capacity of Robert E. Smith Community Library:
 - i. Approximately 12,991 square feet two-story building.
 - ii. Supports meeting rooms seating 30 persons, seating for 30 readers, 24 computer stations, children's program area.
 - iii. Includes a gift and coffee shop.

Sites for all new Libraries will be determined.

Key Factors of this project scope can be found at the New Orleans Public Library Master Plan at <http://nutrias.org/~nopl/masterplan/noplmasterplan2008.pdf>. An estimated preliminary budget between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000 has been established. Project must be under construction by November 1, 2009 with a completion date of July 1, 2010.

III. Submission Instructions:

Letters of Interest may be mailed, faxed or emailed to Deborah Boyle, Acting on behalf of Mr. William Chrisman, Director of Capital Projects. All Letters of Interest must be clearly marked "Letter of Interest for Design Build Services, Five New Libraries."

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All Letters of Interest must be received not later than 5:00pm CST on March 13, 2009. The response to the Letter of Interest must include 2 original copies. The City will not accept Letters of Interest delivered after the delivery deadline. All Letters of Interest become the property of the City of New Orleans upon delivery, even if the delivery is made after the delivery deadline.

Point of Contact: Interested firms may direct written questions in accordance with this request to Deborah Boyle, Acting on behalf of Mr. William Chrisman, Director of Capital Projects.

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All questions must be delivered no later than 5:00pm CST on March 12, 2009 (24 hours prior to the delivery deadline).