

**Kenmore and Sammamish
Architect/Engineer Request for Qualifications
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Introductory Information

KCLS has Bond Funds allocated for new libraries in Sammamish and Kenmore. Each community is served by KCLS libraries that are not presently large enough for the demands placed on them. The Kenmore Library located at 18138 73rd Ave. NE and the current Sammamish Library located at 825 228th Ave NE are slated to be supplanted by the Library District.

URS Corp has been selected to provide program and construction management services for KCLS. One of their representatives will be the primary contact for the project.

KCLS will be holding public meetings with the architectural firm to further assess community needs and interests.

Sammamish:

- KCLS is in the process of purchasing property from the City of Sammamish located to the south of the new City Hall on 228th Ave SE & SE 4th.
- The new library will be approximately 20,000 square feet with a Bond funded budget of \$7.2 million, inclusive of design, construction and furniture and equipment. Additional funds may be available following the sale of the existing library property.
- Sammamish is a highly educated, relatively affluent and civic minded community. Three high schools are located in the vicinity of the new library proposed site.
- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson contracted with KCLS to provide pre-design and site development alternatives.
- Funds will be allocated for public art. The art may be artist-made building parts or separate works.
- At this time we expect the library to be a stand alone facility. The parking may be shared with the City and will likely be a structured parking facility.

Kenmore:

- The bond budget for the new Kenmore Library is \$4 million, inclusive of design, construction and furniture and equipment. There may be additional funds from the sale of the existing facility.

- The new library site is at 6320 181st NE. The US post office as well as other tenants is currently operating at this site. The post office site is leased until 2011; KCLS is working with them to locate another site to expedite the project time schedule.
- KCLS estimates that the time line could take two years to design the library and obtain the necessary permits.
- Kenmore is a relatively new city in King County. Its community is a mix of older residents and younger families; it is more diverse in its population characteristics and, therefore, is an evolving community that has high hopes on the future of the city developments.
- Mithun Architects contracted with KCLS to provide pre design services and site development alternatives.
- Funds for the incorporation of art or artist made building parts have been set aside.

General FAQs:

- Teams will be interviewed and selected by the end of February, 2007.
- KCLS Administrative Staff will screen the submittals and select four firms for interviews.
- At the present time we plan to hold the interviews concurrently with community representatives from each community.
- The Interview Committee will include KCLS Director, KCLS Board of Trustees representative, KCLS Public Services and Facilities staff and 2-3 citizen representatives from each community.