

**Duvall and Newcastle Library Pre-Proposal Meeting**  
**August 22, 2006**  
**King County Library System**  
**Service Center**

**Questions & Answers:**

Q: What is the budget for the Duvall library?

A: Approximately \$3.2 million

Q: Are the expectations different for the RFQ than for the team interviews?

A: The RFQ should be a technical review of your team's qualifications for the project. The team interviews should be more about content and quality of ideas, and using broad concepts tailored to each site as a separate design.

Q: Do design teams need to include a developer component for possible mixed-use of the two sites?

A: While KCLS would prefer that each site be a stand-alone building, we are open to the possibility of mixed-use buildings. However, a decision on that has yet to be made at both sites. Architecture design would be treated separately from any developer issues.

Q: What is KCLS' policy on "green" design?

A: The King County Library System does not have an official policy on "green" design. We do unofficially follow best practices and LEEDS, and aim to carry the idea of "green" design forward. It may not be cost effective for projects of the size of Duvall and Newcastle.

Q: What role does URS play in these two projects?

A: URS provides the King County Library System with staff augmentation, primarily in the capacity of facilitating decisions, answering questions, cost-estimating, engineering issues, and in other areas related to project management.

Q: Will URS have a presence during the construction phases?

A: Yes, URS will be present.

Q: What is the difference between the two design projects?

A: The square footage is the only difference between the two projects.

Q: How are the collections determined for each site?

A: Different communities have different collection needs. While the same basic resources are provided at each KCLS branch, there are individual differences between branches that provide opportunities for materials unique to each branch.

Q: Will there be community meeting spaces planned for each site?

A: Yes, both the Duvall and Newcastle plans include public meeting room space that can also be used for study room purposes when not in use.

Q: Is any usable space planned for the outdoor portion of the projects?

A: Only if the sites will allow it.

Q: What is the schedule for each project?

A: At this point it is too early to define a specific schedule for Duvall and Newcastle. Generally, these projects take a year for design and development, 2-3 months for the bidding process, and a year for construction. Naturally, any number of variables can slow down or speed up this process at any time.

Q: Are two separate proposals required for each project?

A: Yes. If your team plans to give proposals for both projects, please provide a separate proposal tailored for each branch.

Q: What are the patron profiles for both communities?

A: Duvall's community is rapidly changing. Its recent new development is attracting families who are interested in good schooling for their children, and who are educated and community oriented. The older Duvall population is concerned with the new growth and looks to preserve their sense of community pride as well. Duvall is eager for KCLS to begin work on the new branch. Newcastle's patron base is very literate, highly educated and savvy. They show a great deal of enthusiasm and energy about a new library in their community.