

**Interview/Presentation Phase Questions and Answers
Dudley Square Municipal Office Facility Project Designer Selection
Week Ending September 4, 2009
Final**

Notice: Please take note that the questions below are unedited and were received by the Public Facilities Department (PFD) through the established question and answer process as outlined in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The process requires questions to be submitted in writing to: The Public Facilities Department Bid Counter, 26 Court Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02108, or by email to: bidinfo.pfd@cityofboston.gov. As detailed in the letter to all shortlisted firms, the final day that PFD will accept questions is Tuesday, September 1, 2009 by 4:00pm (Eastern Time). **No questions will be accepted after that time.**

Furthermore, in an effort to reduce redundancy, PFD is not posting questions that have previously been asked and answered. Rather, PFD directs those questioners to the answers on this list

Question 1: Could you please tell me if the shortlist has been released for the Dudley Square Municipal Facility project #6903 yet?

Answer: Yes. The shortlist may be found at the following web site:
<http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/Planning/PlanningInitSIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133>

Question 2: With regard, the New Dudley Square Municipal Office Facility, Project #6903, we understand that the short-listed firms will be given a copy of the building program to develop concepts for the interview. Is the building program available to us?

Answer: There will be no additional information provided to the shortlisted teams. All available documents have been posted on the following website:
<http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/Planning/PlanningInitSIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133>

Question 3: I have not been able to download the site survey posted on your website – either as a .pdf or .dwg document. Is the survey still available, or is there any other format available for accurate site information?

Answer: The web page access to this file had been temporarily interrupted. The problem has been resolved. To ensure access to these files,

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copies in .pdf and .dwg format have been emailed to all shortlisted firms.

Question 4: Is the list available for the 27 firms that responded for the Dudley Square Municipal Building? Also, is the designer selection committee list available?

Answer: Yes. The Request for Qualifications Opening Certification for the Dudley Square Municipal Office Facility Project No. 6903 and the list of the Designer Selection Committee members will be posted on the project web site located at <http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/Planning/PlanningInitSIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133>

Question 5: Are dwg files of the Dudley Square site and surrounding area available to the short-listed firms?

Answer: Yes. Please refer to the Publications Section of the project website located at <http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/Planning/PlanningInitSIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133>. Specifically items #23 Dudley Aerial Base and #24 Dudley 2D Base should fulfill your request.

Question 6: Is the RFP for the programming study for Dudley Square, that was out within the last year, is that available to the firms that were short-listed?

Answer: Yes. The Programming Study Advertisement and RFQ can be found on the project website located at <http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthority.org/Planning/PlanningInitSIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133>

Question 7: Is it permissible for short-listed firms to write a press release about the project and selection?

Answer: Yes.

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Question 8: Is it possible to propose now the demolition of the existing buildings on Washington street, Number 2304-2308 and Number 2328 in ten years (or less) time?

Answer: It is not the City's intent to limit or constrain teams from presenting their qualifications and concepts in the manner best suited to each team. The RFQ encourages design teams to consider the context of the site, the surrounding neighborhood and potential changes in the neighborhood over time. Teams are reminded, however, that the objective of this designer selection process is to have teams demonstrate their overall qualifications to provide design services for the proposed facility on the site that exists today.

Question 9: Is it possible to suggest a re-designed bus station?

Answer: Similar to question #8 above, the City does not want to limit teams from demonstrating their qualifications in the manner they choose. Again, however, the goal of this RFQ process is to determine the team that can best design the Dudley Square Municipal Office Facility on the designated site with existing conditions and budget.

Question 10: Is a comprehensive Traffic and Loading/Unloading design needed at this time?

Answer: The City has no current opinion on this matter. It is up to individual teams to determine what is needed to convey their qualifications for this project.

Question 11: Do we need a cost estimate of our proposed design strategies?

Answer: The RFQ does not specify that a cost estimate is required at this time. Teams are reminded that the advertised construction range for this facility is \$65,000,000 to \$90,000,000. It is expected that the design concepts will reflect that range.

Question 12: Is the façade the most important piece of the Ferdinand Building, or the building in its entirety?

Answer: Please refer to the publications section of the following website:
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[sIndividual.asp?action=ViewInit&InitID=133](#). Specifically, document #18, the MOA between BRA & MHC regarding New Dudley Office Building Project discusses this matter.