

**SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY  
LISTENING AND LEARNING SESSION  
JANUARY 23, 2019**

**BACKGROUND**

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) operates twenty-six (26) libraries throughout the District of Columbia. Over the past several years, DCPL has undertaken comprehensive renovations of, and new construction of a number of the branch libraries.

The Southeast Neighborhood Library renovation and modernization project presents special challenges. First, the building itself is a historically significant structure and it lies within a historic district which, on the face of it, restricts DCPL's ability to enlarge the library by usual building addition. A report by a DCPL consultant (also included) suggested expanding the program space by digging downward, which presents a whole new set of cost and schedule challenges. Second, the library is located in a densely populated residential area that is immediately adjacent to the Eastern Market Metro Plaza<sup>1</sup>. Third, community engagement is central to the success of any library project and will be a particular challenge at the Southeast Neighborhood Library given the need to educate the user community about the significant tradeoffs inherent in managing complex construction on a difficult job site.

**TECHNICAL OUTREACH**

DCPL will soon begin developing a solicitation for the Southeast Neighborhood Library and seeks input from our partners in the design and construction industry about the optimal project delivery methodology.

DCPL will host a Listen and Learning session at 10:00 a.m. on January 23, 2019 at the West End Neighborhood Library located at 2301 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20037. DCPL staff will provide an overview of the project, our preliminary assessment of project risks and a summary of the due diligence performed to date. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the project and articulate the problem statement.

DCPL will then schedule one-on-one meetings with each interested firm/team to further discuss the problem statement and ask for ideas on how best to approach the Southeast Project.

**LOGISTICS**

Please contact Ms. Sweta Pabla at (202) 727-4913 or by emailing [sweta.pabla@dc.gov](mailto:sweta.pabla@dc.gov) to reserve a spot at the Listening and Learning Session. Ms. Pabla will also be the point of contact for scheduling the one-on-one meetings at the DCPL Administrative Office.

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Note<sup>1</sup>: The Department of General Services (DGS) has initiated a design for the Eastern Market Metro Park (EMMP). DCPL expects the successful Southeast Neighborhood Library Offeror to be aware of and to coordinate upon contract award, with the EMMP designer, KPC Moya, and especially with its landscape architect consultant, LandDesign, so that the entire plaza reflects a single design thought.