



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Historic Preservation Program
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Request for Proposals

King County Mid-Century Residential Resource Context Statement December 9, 2015

Project Summary

The King County Historic Preservation Program (HPP) is seeking a qualified contractor to prepare a context statement for mid-century modern residential resources. The statement would be used as a tool for evaluation of potential National Register and local landmark properties throughout unincorporated King County and in the 20 cities which are interlocal preservation partners with the county. The statement will provide a valuable tool for environmental review and compliance in King County. It is also intended to serve as a model for other areas of the state, with minimal adaptation for local use. The period of study is approximately 1945-1975. This project is funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), using federal Historic Preservation Funds administered by Washington's Certified Local Government Program.

Scope of Work and Tasks

The contractor will collaborate with the King County Historic Preservation Program to develop a coordinated approach to accomplishing the project tasks.

Specifically, the contractor will

- identify, document, and evaluate a comprehensive collection of mid-century modern single family residences that are representative of King County and its suburban cities.
- complete research on suburban development throughout the county during an established period of significance.
- complete a photo illustrated context statement that can be used to evaluate these residences for eligibility for National Register listing and county/city landmark designation, and that conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Historical Documentation*.
- conduct at least one public presentation to present project findings.
- complete statements of significance for up to 12 representative intensive level historic property inventory forms.

King County HPP will

- assist in collection of research, including digital photography of representative properties.
- coordinate peer review of the draft context statement.
- address how the context statement meets the State's Preservation Plan Goal 3.

- upload data for representative intensive level historic property inventory forms to WISAARD.
- make available to the broad public an illustrated digest and the full context statement, via the King County website and other electronic venues that are available.
- prepare and submit all required notifications and summary reports to DAHP.

Qualifications

The contractor must demonstrate a range of skills and expertise including

- knowledge of regional and architectural history, specifically from the period of study.
- completion of context statements and survey/inventory projects in Washington State.
- experience in project management.

Project Schedule

The project will begin in January 2016 and be completed by August 28, 2016.

- Jan - Feb: Engage contractor, conduct preliminary research, identify representative residential styles
- Mar - Apr: Conduct field work, prepare draft statement outline
- May 1: Submit draft context statement outline for King County and DAHP review
- May-July: Complete field work, revise products, input data, conduct public meeting
- July 13: Submit draft context statement for King County and DAHP review
- August 28: Submit final context statement

Project Budget

The grant award is \$16,500. King County administrative costs will be used as a match for the grant award.

Submittals

Qualified contractors are invited to submit a proposal to Todd Scott, Historic Preservation Architect, by close of business Friday, January 8, 2016. Materials may be submitted by email to Todd.Scott@kingcounty.gov or by mail or hand delivered to the King County Historic Preservation Program, 201 S. Jackson, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98104.

Proposals should include a brief summary of the contractor's knowledge, skills and experience related to the scope of work and tasks described above; a breakdown of contractor personnel responsible for each task along with associated costs; a bid quote for completing the project; and a statement confirming contractor's ability to complete the tasks within the specified timeframe.

For questions contact Todd Scott at Todd.Scott@kingcounty.gov or by telephone at 206-477-4545.