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**Background:** The DC Preservation League (DCPL) is Washington’s citywide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and protection of the historic resources of our nation’s capital. DCPL’s mission to preserve, protect, and enhance Washington’s historic and built environment is carried out through education, community outreach, landmark designation, and advocacy. In 2018, DCPL received a grant from the National Park Service to underwrite development of a Multiple Property Document and associated nominations focused on the African American Civil Rights Movement in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Washington, DC. This project will be the first of its kind and will catalyze nominations to both the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places.

**Purpose:** DCPL seeks proposals from qualified preservation consultants (Consultant) interested in undertaking research to identify and document historic resources associated with the African American Civil Rights Movement of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Washington, DC. The selected Consultant must also produce a National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) to thematically address “African American Civil Rights Movement in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Washington, DC” and present the MPD and a minimum of two (2) individual National Register nominations to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board.

**Scope of Work:** Consultant must complete outlined tasks in a 12-month period. The entire project is expected to take 18 months, with the last 6 months reserved for implementation of DCPL’s plans for community rollout and engagement. Tasks for Consultant include:

### **Task 1: Project Management**

Consultant will coordinate project activities with team members responsible for carrying out project tasks while ensuring that tasks are completed within scope, budget, and schedule. Project kick off, schedule, and coordination of tasks and deliverables must be completed in consultation with DCPL.

### **Task 2: Background Research**

Consultant will research important themes in 20<sup>th</sup> Century African American history and identify associated resources in Washington, DC. Research should be organized into Civil Rights-related thematic groups including, but not limited to:

- 1) Equal Education
- 2) Public Accommodation
- 3) Voting
- 4) Housing
- 5) Equal Employment
- 6) Criminal Injustice

Research team must examine the materials associated with the NPS National Historic Landmark Theme Studies focusing on African American heritage including:

- Civil Rights in America: A Framework for Identifying Significant Sites
- Racial Desegregation of Public Accommodations

- Racial Desegregation in Public Education in the United States
- Racial Voting Rights

### **Task 3: Survey Documentation**

Consultant must verify the integrity of the African American resources associated with the developed historic context in Task 2. Documentation of each resource must include the completion of a one-page survey form noting building address, legal description, massing elements, materials, character defining features, condition, and integrity. Digital photographs must be included. The location of resources must also be mapped on USGS topographical maps.

### **Task 4: Complete Multiple Property Documentation Form**

Consultant will complete a National Register Multiple Property Documentation Form. The MPD form must be completed according to requirements and guidelines set forth in the *National Register Bulletin: How to Complete the Multiple Property Documentation Form*. This form will identify the applicable established District of Columbia Historic Contexts for African American resources in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Washington, DC, and will facilitate the evaluation of individual properties by comparing them with resources that share similar physical characteristics and historical associations. The documents will provide a discussion of associated property types and identify previously recorded and National Register listed, or newly identified eligible properties.

The MPD must provide historic context based on the research and analysis from Task 2. The historic context will highlight important themes associated with the history of African American Civil Rights in the District of Columbia and properties that represent and illustrate specific themes should be identified.

This thematic approach will provide the DC Preservation League with essential information for historic preservation planning purposes and will evaluate identified properties on a comparative basis and establish preservation priorities based on historical significance.

The MPD will provide analysis that will provide the basis for establishing historic significance and evaluating historic and architectural integrity. This document must also provide definitive registration criteria for the evaluation of properties in the future. Significance will be determined based on how identified properties meet standard National Register Criteria A-D and Criteria Considerations A-G based on the established historic context established in the study. Integrity will likewise be based and an assessment of how identified properties meet the National Register's seven aspects of integrity (design, materials, workmanship, feeling, association, location, and setting).

The documentation form will also include geographical data that will define the limits of where associated property types exist. A bibliography of sources used for the study must also be included.

A complete list of identified resources should be completed in a separate excel spreadsheet that can be sorted by theme. Spreadsheet should include at a minimum resource name, address, ward, ownership, designation status and associated theme.

**Task 5 – Preparation of two (2) new nominations to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and the National Register of Historic Places.**

Consultant will complete a minimum of two new site nominations for submission to the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and National Register of Historic Places on the National Register Nomination Form. The NR form must be completed according to requirements and guidelines set forth in the *National Register Bulletin: How to Complete the National Register Form*. Buildings to be nominated will be chosen in consultation with DCPL and the DC State Historic Preservation Office (DCSHPO).

**Task 6 – Public Presentation**

Consultant must agree to present the results of the research and documentation project at one public forum. The date, time, and location of the public forum will be determined in consultation with DCPL.

**Task 7 – Consultation and Presentation**

To ensure final acceptance of the MPD, the Consultant must conduct ongoing consultations with DCPL and the DCSHPO (with a mutually agreeable schedule to be determined) in order to solicit feedback on the research and documentation to be delivered. Consultant must agree to present the completed National Register Multiple Property form to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) for approval. Under this task, Consultant will:

- Present the MPD form and at least two individual National Register nominations to the HPRB through a PowerPoint presentation, and oral and written testimony;
- If any issues arise with the MPD and/or individual National Register nomination throughout the course of the contract, Consultant will work directly with the DCSHPO to affect a resolution.

**Timeline:** Estimated start date for the project is April 1, 2019. Research and documentation must be complete by March 31, 2020 (or 12 months after start date).

**Proposal Requirements:** Experience preparing historic context statements or National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property documentation forms is required. All Consultant responses must include resumes of all staff to be assigned to the project and demonstration that the project manager and applicable staff meet 36CFR61 Appendix A *Historic Preservation Professional Qualifications Standards*.

Budget proposal should not exceed \$37,500. Please include proposed timeline with start/end dates for each task and an example of a context study or Multiple Property Document Consultant has produced in the past.

**Deadline to Submit Proposals:** Please submit electronically to Kelli Knox ([kelli@dcpreservation.org](mailto:kelli@dcpreservation.org)) by 11:59pm March 1, 2019. Subject line should read "Proposal in Response to MPD project."

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