

Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal – CSPC/FSPC Office and Event Space

The Center for Sex Positive Culture (CSPC) and Foundation for Sex Positive Culture (FSPC) are seeking Professional Architecture services for the design, documentation and permitting of their new office and event space. These sister organizations share a vision of “sexuality without shame” and work to provide opportunities for community-building, education, expression and the exploration of all facets of sexuality.

Information about each organization and its history can be found on the About Us and History pages of their web sites: thecspc.org and thefspc.org

About the Project:

The project will likely be a tenant improvements/adaptive reuse project of a 9300 square foot light manufacturing space in Ballard. The project team has completed a thorough programming exercise and a preliminary test-to-fit/feasibility study on the space. The team has also met with the City of Seattle to verify that the space can accommodate the proposed use through a defined and workable process.

The new space will house offices for both organizations, a library, and two multi-purpose spaces intended to host a variety of events ranging from educational workshops to social events. In addition, there will likely be a community space (coffee bar or similar) and space for the display of art. A small warming kitchen/serving pantry is needed to support events in the space, and a series of toilet rooms and showers will need to be added.

The events hosted in the space are not intended for performance, and no alcohol is served in the space – therefore, the space is considered a membership organization/community club. However, as many of the activities hosted by the CSPC/FSPC are intimate in nature, privacy for the membership (both to the outside and between the event spaces) will be a consideration.

The CSPC/FSPC has recently vacated their home of over 17 years after negotiating the early termination of their lease to make way for new development in the Interbay neighborhood. They are currently hosting events in temporary locations and are very anxious to return to regular calendar events and a home location.

Qualified firms should be licensed to practice Architecture in the State of Washington and should be familiar with the City of Seattle zoning and permitting processes. In addition, the CSPC and FSPC are interested in working with firms who value the service to the community that these organizations provide and who are supportive of sex positive culture and their shared mission.

Interested firms should submit the following:

- Letter of interest

- Firm profile
- Resumes of key project team members
- List of related experience
- Approach to process
- Methodology of fee structure (fee to be negotiated upon scope definition)
- Recommendations for key consulting engineers (Structural and MEP needed)

Questions and submittal documents should be directed to:

Jeanette Aprato at MD@thecspc.org with the Subject Line: Architect Proposal

Please CC Sophia Iannicelli at Director@thefspc.org

For questions you can also contact us by phone: [206-229-2185](tel:206-229-2185)

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In order to be considered for this project, submissions should be received no later than 4:00PM on November 1, 2016.