The Consulting Master Plan Architect

The Ventura Community College District is in the final stages of a major construction program (Measure S). This program which has resulted in major infrastructure changes at all three campus locations, a number of significant renovation projects, and the construction of seventeen new buildings. Recognizing the value of this program to the District the Board of Trustees has expressed interest in establishing formal procedures which will ensure the protection of its existing campus holdings and provide direction for future development.

Central to the success of such an endeavor is the need for continuity in the management of the various programs which have a direct consequence to the campus built environment. To assist the individual Presidents in their capacity as stewards of their campus physical facilities the Board of Trustees recommends that each campus secure the services of a qualified professional who can act as a Consulting Master plan Architect.

The Consulting Master Plan Architect (MPA) advises the campus on developing its physical master plan. The MPA serves as an ex-officio member of the Campus Planning Committee and advises the President on developing, coordinating, and controlling the long-range, physical development plan. The MPA supplies continuity in planning for the growth of the campus, and in maintaining and updating the campus physical master plan.

The MPA’s responsibility is toward the total building program. Working with the President, college administrators and college planning committees and Trustees Capital Planning Committee, the MPA develops a general architectural vocabulary or character for the campus, which lends efficiency, distinction, and unity to campus buildings. The MPA may also directly assist the campus in the development of the individual campus Five Year Capital Outlay Program, Initial Program Proposals (IPP’S) and also Final Program Proposals FPP’S each a requirement of the State in the processing of approvals for individual Major Capital Projects.

This role also includes guiding Project Architects in complying with District and Campus procedures and standards. The MPA also recommends approval of schematic designs including architectural vocabulary, building color and material palettes. Finally, the MPA also advises the President and college administrators on other long-range development matters affecting the Campus Built Environment.

Accordingly, The District is inviting applications from individual firms to apply for two positions: Master Plan Architect, Oxnard College and Master Plan Architect Ventura College. Applicants may apply for consideration by an individual campus or both. Applications that do not indicate a preference will be considered for both.

The District being mindful of the expense often associated with such applications asks that the presentation be no larger than legal size paper, 81/2”X11” is acceptable (3copies) together with a CD of the presentation. The application(s) should be sent to J. Handel Evans FAIA, Ventura County Community College District, Office of Capital Design and Construction, 103 Durley Ave, Camarillo. CA 93010. No later than 5:00 pm. April 7, 2014.
These applications will then be shared with the appropriate campus administration which will select its candidates for interview. A recommendation of no less than three firms (for each College) will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for final selection and appointment,

It is the wish of each college administration to retain local architects for these appointments and assuming success this will be the only announcement made to the profession at this time.