

Following are the questions received by the City of DeKalb regarding the STEAM Learning Center Request for Proposals (posted March 29, 2016). Answers were determined by the project team and distributed on April 12, 2016.

May I ask how many firms have you sent the invitation?

23 firms

What is the estimate for the budget of the feasibility study?

We are hoping not to exceed \$75,000.

What will be the participation from the city, NIU, Proudly DeKalb and the firefighters?

The City of DeKalb will finance the study and serve as the lead coordinator. Patty Hoppenstedt, DeKalb's Assistant City Manager, will be the project point of contact. All entities will be involved as stakeholders and will participate in the decision-making process. The stakeholder project team will rely on the point of contact to communicate between the stakeholders and the consultant.

Is the school system to be a part of the planning team?

Although DeKalb School District 428 is not a part of the planning team, they are long-time partners of the stakeholders and frequently involved in joint activities.

Do we understand this project to ultimately lead to a \$3.7M renovation of an existing building?

No. The project team will consider all options for the building(s) location. Selecting an existing building for renovation or constructing a new building are both possibilities. Cost of renovation or construction will depend on the location.

How much funding has been allocated for the feasibility study?

We are hoping not to exceed \$75,000.

How important is it to the City that the firm selected have national experience in cultural attraction planning and design?

The project team is seeking a qualified firm, whether regional, national or international. The project team will consider all proposals within the parameters and scope of the RFP that will address the unique needs of our community.