Request for Potential Planning Projects for 2012 Toulan School Graduate Planning Workshop

In the winter and spring quarters of 2012, graduate students in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University will be formulating and undertaking applied planning projects in a required course known as "the MURP workshop." This course is intended to give our students hands-on experience in conceiving, planning, and implementing a community-based planning project. (For examples of past projects, please visit our website at: [http://www.pdx.edu/usp/master-urban-and-regional-planning-workshop-projects](http://www.pdx.edu/usp/master-urban-and-regional-planning-workshop-projects). In 2012, the course will be co-taught by Ethan Seltzer and former City of Portland Planning Director Gil Kelley.

To assist students in identifying good community-based projects, we would like to invite expressions of interest from our alumni, neighborhood groups, planning organizations, and the community at large. If you are interested in having a project considered for the upcoming workshop, please forward the following information to Ethan Seltzer ([seltzere@pdx.edu](mailto:seltzere@pdx.edu)) by November 14, 2011:

1) A brief description of the project ... a project is appropriate for the workshop if it is problem-centered, has a specific geographic area of concern, and development and evaluation of alternatives, a recommended course of action, and community consultation and participation.

2) A brief description of the desired product, how it addresses an identified community need, and how the product will be used and by who. Please note that all products, though developed for and delivered to clients, are expected to be shared with the public on the School website.

3) Identification of the resources (time, money, information, printing, gas money/bus passes, etc.) that the client can provide, if any, to help support the completion of the project.

4) Contact details (name, role in the client organization, telephone number, e-mail address) for the person submitting the request on behalf of the client organization.

We will acknowledge receipt of the proposed projects. If interested, students will follow up with the applicant in November/December. However, final decisions on project selection are left up to the students and those decisions will be made during the first half of January 2012. Clients and student groups will be expected to enter into a signed Memorandum of Agreement spelling out expected products, timelines, and mutual responsibilities for ensuring project success.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or want more information.

Sincerely, Ethan Seltzer and Gil Kelley

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