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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

METRO

Biophilic Design for Landscaping
and Plant Maintenance

RFP 3972

Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is hereby requesting proposals for Biophilic Design for Landscaping and Plant Maintenance.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 p.m., October 28, 2021, via BidLocker, link in RFP document.

A voluntary pre-proposal conference for all potential respondents is scheduled on October 14, 2021 at 2:30 pm. at the Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232 in the lobby.

RFP documents can be viewed and downloaded from BidLocker at <http://bidlocker.us/a/oregonmetro/BidLocker>.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) Sourcing Event No:
RFPQ-37-2022

Sourcing Event Name: Preschool For All Providers
Proposals due by 4:00 P.M. on: November 29, 2021
Pre-Proposal Conference: October 28, 2021 at 9:00AM PT

Preschool For All Providers

SUMMARY:

The Preschool & Early Learning Division will be selecting Pilot Sites to provide the first Preschool for All slots and assist Multnomah County refine program details for this new initiative.

RFPQ AVAILABILITY:

To access the RFPQ, visit <https://multco.us/purchasing/bids-proposal-opportunities> then scroll down for new business opportunities.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Multco Marketplace Supplier Network. Suppliers will need to register at this portal in order to submit a response. Proposals are accepted until, but not after, 4:00PM on the close date of the Sourcing Event.

Multnomah County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if not in compliance with the Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) procedures and requirements and to reject any or all proposals or to cancel the Sourcing Event if Multnomah County finds it is in the public interest to do so.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY PURCHASING

Buried Truth Revealed

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year-old secret “eating him up inside.” He described a constant anxiety over the years that manifested in nightmares and migraine headaches.

He did not know the victim, identified then in the news as 18-year-old Edward White.

“That’s what makes it even more difficult for me, because it was for no reason at all,” Miller said. “It’s the thing that I think about every day. It’s like, I did this, and to someone who, it was no reason to do it. And that’s the part that really bothers me.”

In the article, he described his decision to pull the trigger as an act of retribution for a younger friend he considered “an innocent” who had been stabbed and killed in a gang fight.

“We were all drunk,” Miller said. “I was in a haze. Once it kind of set in, I was like, ‘Oh shit, what have I done?’ It took years for me to understand the real impact of what I had done.”

While in prison, Miller resumed his education and earned an accounting degree from Temple University.

After he was released from prison at the age of 30, he kept his past secret and it was never discovered, even as he was able to build a professional career with top companies like Campbell Soup, Kraft Foods, Nike and the Trail Blazers, where he served as team president from 2007 to 2012. He currently is chairman of Nike’s Jordan Brand.

Miller hopes his story can provide hope to others who lives have taken a dark turn.

A current resident of Beaverton, he told the magazine he can now talk honestly on the most important context of his life, especially for his meet-ups with youth from organizations he has supported, such as the Urban League, Junior Achievement and northeast Portland –based Self-Enhancement, Inc.

“I was telling half the story,” he said. “And I always felt like I was cheating those people who were listening, because they weren’t getting the full benefit of what this story could be.”

Miller said he now wants to increase his work with incarcerated people and underserved youth. He wants to advocate for second chance programs that support social justice and said he hopes his experience can create a healthy discourse around criminal justice reform by helping remove the stigma that holds people and communities back.

Powell

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over, in 2009, he was largely invisible in a lot of things that happened — Trayvon Martin, Ferguson, George Floyd,” said Kevin Powell, who also is Black.

But Powell’s dignity and composure should not be interpreted as any indication that he failed to understand the struggle of his people, according to Sam Riddle, an Army veteran and Detroit-based political activist.

Powell expressed concern over the U.S. rate of incarceration, which has consistently been the highest in the world. He fa-

vored policies designed to keep young adults, especially Black Americans, out of the criminal justice system.

Years before the 2020 murder of George Floyd renewed calls from the Black Lives Matter movement to “defund the police,” Powell said he was not in favor of reducing law enforcement budgets to address police brutality. He suspected that many Black Americans agreed.

A child of Jamaican immigrants who grew up in the Bronx borough of New York City, Powell said he was raised in a community where his neighbors were as invested in his safety and success as his own mother and father.

Powell graduated in 1958 from City College of New York, which later created the Colin Powell Center to develop student leadership and campus community engagement. The program was eventually renamed the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership.

Powell once said he wanted the next generation to have opportunities like he did, according

to Andrew Rich, dean of the Colin Powell School.

Being a Black American “defined his experience,” Rich said. “He was a trailblazer in every sense. I think he was very aware of the barriers he broke. One of the things he was so proud of was that he knocked open doors and did not close them behind him.”

Former President Barack Obama said Monday that Powell helped “a generation of young people set their sights higher” and “never denied the role that race played in his own life and in our society more broadly.”

Many Black people look to high-achieving African Americans to act on their behalf, said Frederick Gooding, associate professor of humanities at Texas Christian University.

“When it comes to African Americans, often times, when you’ve been touched by the struggle so to speak, when you have a position of power and privilege, do you leverage it?” Gooding said. “He may not have been that front-line cheerleader, but that doesn’t mean he wasn’t affected by the struggle.”

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