

Advance Procurement Notice

RFP FOR PRIME DESIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SASKATOON NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY

Purpose of this Advance Procurement Notice

On or about September 7, 2020, Saskatoon Public Library will issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Prime Design Consulting Services for its New Central Library (NCL) project.

This advance notice is not a bid solicitation. This notice provides interested parties with the opportunity to establish partnerships, which may be required to respond to the RFP.

Description of the Project

The NCL will open in 2026. The approximate 136,000 square foot functional program blends traditional library service with new and innovative spaces, programs and services at a preliminary construction budget of \$65–75 million. The new home of the library at 321 2nd Avenue North, is an under-utilized site in Saskatoon's downtown core.

The NCL will be a prominent identifiable destination with a simple, timeless architectural character, where form follows function. The design of the NCL will acknowledge and respond to the history and natural environment of Saskatoon and the prairie landscape.

The vision for the NCL is to be a model for sustainability (LEED® Gold) and universal accessibility in Saskatoon. Moreover, Saskatoon Public Library commits being a leader in the realization of reconciliation. The physical form of the building itself, as well as the interior and exterior spaces and art, will visually embody local First Nation and Métis identity (its traditions and culture) and express the aspirations of the entire Saskatoon community. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous leadership, values, history, and ways of knowing will inform the NCL design process.

Authentic community engagement will infuse all aspects of the project to ensure the NCL reflects the spirit of this community and is a source of inspiration and pride for those who call Saskatoon home.

For More Information

To learn more about the project and the vision, visit saskatooncentrallibrary.ca.

