REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/SCOPE OF WORK

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Title: Historic Context for Postwar Schools in Rapid City, South Dakota

Issuing Agency: Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission, City of Rapid City

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Purpose and Background: The Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) seeks to engage a qualified consultant to prepare a Historic Context examining postwar school resources within the City of Rapid City. Preliminary research and resource identification was completed in conjunction with the recently updated Rapid City Historic Preservation Plan 2021–2031. It is anticipated that the Historic Context documentation effort will build on initial data compiled in the preservation plan. Additionally, the HPC hopes that the context document will result in an increased awareness about the location and significance of postwar resources in the city, provide a framework for the future study and preservation of these resources, and support the HPC’s and the City’s long-range historic preservation planning efforts. All administrative functions of this project will be the responsibility of the HPC and City staff, including securing professional services to accomplish the work, managing the project to ensure a product that will meet the needs and requirements set forth by the HPC in conjunction with the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and ensuring that the project is delivered in a timely manner. The project will be completed utilizing Certified Local Government grant funds awarded to the HPC via the SHPO.

Statement of Needs: The consultant shall provide all labor and materials for the preparation of the Historic Context for Postwar Schools in Rapid City and any required supporting materials. The resulting Historic Context will provide the HPC:

- a historic overview, focused on the postwar era and in particular the context in which school resources were developed during this time period. The overview should focus on the historic principles that guided school expansion, construction, location, etc. during this era including historical information for local and national trends.
- a list of qualifying postwar school resources, which will ultimately focus on and define the characteristics of postwar school resources in Rapid City such as significant types, features, styles, materials, etc.
- reconnaissance level survey of between 3 and 10 postwar schools; including the acquisition of structure numbers, the completion of the structure forms, and potentially the submission of all materials for recording with the SHPO. Exact scope of work to be refined by the HPC and the consultant.
- an analysis of extant resources and their historic significance
- recommendations on future work to preserve and protect postwar resources in Rapid City, including a record scan/discussion on adaptive re-use possibilities for post-war school resources. This is not intended to be a detailed engineering or architectural analysis of particular buildings.
- Public outreach component to include at least two public meetings. Provide information to support the HPC’s proposed South Middle School Recordation/Remembrances project using information collected during the process.

Any field survey and all survey documentation materials shall be completed by Secretary of the Interior qualified individuals and consistent with the procedures established by the National Park Service, including any relevant National Register Bulletins, and the cultural resource standards and guidelines put forth by the South Dakota SHPO. This includes the South Dakota Architectural Survey Manual prepared by the SD State Historic Preservation Office.

Deliverables: The Historic Context document produced under this scope of work will satisfy the stipulations listed above under the Statement of Needs. The document shall provide sufficient information and context to
allow the HPC to manage postwar school resources moving forward. The context shall provide enough detail and
documentation to provide a basis for the creation of a Multiple Property Documentation Form in the future, if
warranted. It is the expectation of HPC and the City that all materials prepared for this project will be
professionally executed and fully proofread and edited by the contractor.