**Request for Potential Planning Projects**

**2017 Toulan School MURP Graduate Planning Workshop**

**Proposals due: Monday, November 14, 2016, 5 pm. Please email proposals to: Seltzere@pdx.edu**

In the winter and spring quarters of 2017, graduate students in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University will be creating and completing 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 in close consultation with a committed client.

In past years, workshop groups have completed projects for a wide range of public agencies and community groups. The resulting plans have, in many cases, been implemented, and many of them have been recognized with awards from state and national planning organizations. For examples of past projects, please visit our website at: [http://www.pdx.edu/usp/master‐urban‐and­regional‐planning‐workshop‐projects](http://www.pdx.edu/usp/master-urban-and-regional-planning-workshop-projects)

To assist students in identifying Workshop possibilities, we are sending out this request for projects to our alumni, neighborhood groups, community planning organizations, area nonprofit organizations, and the community at large. If you are interested in having a project considered for the upcoming workshop, please complete the attached application and email it to Ethan Seltzer (seltzere@pdx.edu) by 5 pm on Monday, November 14, 2016. **Please answer each question as completely as you can, in the space provided. Please do not send additional materials or attachments at this time.** Project proposals will not be considered if received after November 16.

We will acknowledge receipt of project proposals. All proposed projects will be reviewed by teams of 4-6 students starting in late November, and the teams will make their final decisions by mid-January. All applicants will be informed of team decisions immediately thereafter. Clients and student groups will be expected to enter into signed Memoranda of Understanding that spell out expected products, timelines, and mutual responsibilities for ensuring project success. All final project reports will be made available to the public on the Toulan School website. Project clients can use the products in whatever ways help to advance their aims.

If you have additional questions, please email either of the co-instructors for the workshop: Ethan Seltzer, seltzere@pdx.edu, or Dr. Marisa Zapata, mazapata@pdx.edu.

Thanks!

Ethan Seltzer

Marisa Zapata

**Application for Planning Assistance from the Toulan School MURP Planning Workshop in 2015**

1. What is the title for your project?
2. Who is the client for this project? Please briefly describe the organization or community that will benefit from this project.
3. What is the problem that your proposed project will attempt to solve? Please note that we are seeking “planning projects.” A “planning project” addresses a specific problem or objective, has a specific geographic area of concern, requires the development and evaluation of alternatives, seeks a recommended course of action, and depends on direct community consultation and participation with the student project team. Note that research projects, projects that don’t involve direct contact with and involvement of the public, or projects that don’t analyze choices for clients are not acceptable for workshop purposes.
4. What is the desired product, and how will it address an identified community need? How will it be used? Please note that all products, though developed for and delivered to clients, will be shared with the public on the Toulan School website.
5. What resources (time, money, information/data, printing, gas money/bus passes, meeting supplies and refreshments, etc.), if any, can you provide to help support the completion of the project?
6. Please provide the 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, and who will be regularly and consistently available during the winter and spring terms to interact directly with the student group.

Thanks!

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