



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**DENVER**  
THE MILE HIGH CITY

**Contractor:**STUDIOTROPE, LLC d/b/a studiotrope design collective

**Proposed Contract Amount:**\$647,100.00

**Project Title:**New West Denver Branch Library

**Contract Control Number:**CE02089

**Term of this proposed contract (start/end date):**12/1/2010 – 2/28/2013

**Selection process:**

(a) **Date of Bid process:**RFP Issued 7/6/10

(b) **How many proposals were received:**18

(c) **Range:**NOT A BID, QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION VIA RFP **Low:**  
**High:**

**DSBO Assigned Goals:**20% MWBE

**DSBO Goals Commitment:**20.06%

**Council District:**1

**Source of funds (CIP/BOND/GRANT/CDOT):**BOND  
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**Background:**This project is part of the "BUILDING A BETTER DENVER" Bond Program approved by voters in November 2007. The West Denver New Branch Library project is anticipated to be a new building constructed at the southeast corner of the intersection of West Colfax Avenue and Irving Street. The new building is anticipated to be a two-story building with roughly 26,000-28,000 GSF. The City is in the process of acquiring the described real property for the West Denver New Branch Library.

The recent growth in Denver's residential and business communities has created gaps in Denver Public Library's ability to serve all the people of Denver. The location at West Colfax Avenue and Irving Street provides Denver Public Library with an opportunity to fill



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**a critical gap in a neighborhood that has a growing demographic of library customers, and that is ripe for such an amenity. The surrounding and existing branches are undersized and over capacity, and surrounding neighborhoods are underserved. Accordingly, the City desires to design a library to be constructed at West Colfax Avenue and Irving Street in order to provide essential library services for the residents in this area.**

**The new West Denver New Branch Library, planned to be sized at around 26,000-28,000 square feet, will house a collection of approximately 80,000-100,000 books, music, magazines and media to meet the needs of the public in the neighborhood, including children, teens, adults and families. The library will offer computer access for public use, seating to accommodate a large amount of simultaneous users, a large group meeting room to accommodate program needs and several small study rooms.**

**The West Denver New Branch Library is envisioned to be a library of the twenty-first century, incorporating the latest in library technology, including but not limited to customer self-check, wireless computer access and an automated handling system. It will serve as a community anchor, as well as a location for social networking and learning.**