

Portland Community College

A/E Services - Metro Center Project

Interview Questions (including CRT questions) - August 6 and 7, 2019

1) Please summarize your understanding of the vision, purpose, and scope of this project based on the specific team members you have proposed.

2) Tell us more about how your team anticipates conducting community outreach on the Metro Center Project. Who from your team will take the lead in this effort? How will you incorporate what you hear in the outreach effort into the design of the building?

3) The college anticipates a number of service partners to be included in the Metro Center. To date, who and how many partners have not yet been identified. How will your team work in this ambiguous situation? Tell us about your experience in designing a flexible space for unknown users.

4) The college is exploring ways to infuse Critical Race Theory (CRT) into the project. It's new to capital planning as we try innovative approaches to engage people most affected by educational inequities. We have a couple of questions to learn more about your philosophy and approach to inclusive design:

- **In what ways do you think design can contribute to college retention, academic success, and social equity?**
- **What tools does your team practice to promote a racially inclusive design process? How did you use them and what were the results?**
- **What approaches have you employed, or what could you imagine, as a programming strategy to move beyond users' functional relationship to space and learn more about users' socio-spatial experiences and needs as a means to inform design?**

5) PCC is a large, complex organization that appreciates the art of consensus-driven decision-making. Add to that the involvement of a citizen advisory committee and the college's aspiration for more transparent approaches to decision-making and we now have the potential for a lengthy and convoluted process. Describe an example of a similar situation. What challenges did you face and how did you respond to them? What tools can your team bring to the project to help advance the project in a timely and inclusive manner?

6) Tell us what you think is key to good collaboration? How do you assure an optimal partnership with subconsultants, contractors, owners, stakeholders and others who will have long-term involvement in the project?