Request for Proposal

The University of Missouri-Kansas City’s Center for Midwestern Studies and History Department along with the Springfield-Greene County Library District and the Kansas City Public Library are accepting bids for development of a content management system and website to host a new digital collection titled Show Me Missouri.

Show Me Missouri will tell the story of Missouri and Missourians through the lens of 200 historically and culturally significant objects. Furthermore, this digital exhibit will examine the story of the state through a more complex, inclusive, and critical interpretation. The project will celebrate the aspects of Missouri history that are unique and noteworthy while also not shying away from difficult topics such as slavery or racial and ethnic discrimination. The 200 historical objects will represent the project themes and topics represented here:

https://midwest.umkc.edu/project-themes-and-topics/

Each object will have an interpretative essay that will contextualize it in relation to the larger history of the state. Our hope is to tell Missouri’s history chronologically and comprehensively. Show Me Missouri will be a free, publicly accessible digital humanities project that will find wide use by a diverse audience of scholars, teachers, both K-12 and collegiate students, and everyday Missourians.

The CMS and website should address the following needs:
- Intuitive interface for uploading digital assets, descriptive data, and historical essays.
- Digital assets include digital images (JPG, JPEG 2000, and TIF file types), and audio and video files
- Asset discoverable interface based on geographic representation, thematic relation, chronology, and general browsing
- Landing page for geographic representation, thematic relation, chronology. Each landing page will feature descriptive information, representative images, and discovery interface for relevant digital assets. (example: https://missourioverthere.org/explore/artifacts/)
- Users navigate through the landing pages (and possibly sub-landing pages) to discover individual digital assets. Landing pages for digital assets should be capable of displaying single page or multi-page documents, audio and video files, and accompanying descriptive data.
- Assets discoverable through Google searches
- HTML5 and responsive based web development

This project is part of a grant proposal. Project will only be completed if grant funding is awarded.
Deadline for submittal of all bids is **February 24, 2020 at 4 p.m. CST**. Bids can be emailed to briang@thelibrary.org or mailed to:

Springfield-Greene County Library District  
ATTN: Brian Grubbs  
4653 S. Campbell Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65810

All questions should be address to Brian Grubbs as outlined below. The preferred method of communication is email. All questions and responses will be posted on the Library District’s website at [http://thelibrary.org/purchasing](http://thelibrary.org/purchasing)

Brian Grubbs  
(417) 616-0544  
briang@thelibrary.org

**Timeline:**
- February 24, 2020 – Bid deadline  
- March 9, 2020 – Notify vendors of selection results  
- April 2020 – Notify winning vendor of grant funding status  
- May 1, 2020 – Begin project  
- April 2021 – Final delivery deadline for all products

Bids will be accepted using the following criteria:
- Price- 30%  
- Product delivery timeline- 20%  
- Personnel qualifications – 20%  
- Service and support – 20%  
- Prior experience with vendor – 10%

All bids must be itemized.