FAQs based on items submitted:

1. Can you give us a campus plan showing the extent of the site area for the Gateway Project? *At this time, it is too early to establish absolute project boundaries. However, at the appropriate time (during the design competition), the information will be shared.*

2. What are the District’s future plans for the Taqueria site? *The Taqueria lease will be terminated. More detailed information on this issue will be discussed at the next phase if the design teams request it.*

3. Can you send us a brief summary of the project program? *The summary program was posted to the website on 6/25/09.*

4. Who will be interviewing the architectural teams from the District and bond management team? *V-Anne Chernock (Director of Modernization, District), Don Flowers (District M & O), Leigh Sata (Program Manager, Swinerton Management and Consulting), and Bill Krill (Construction Manager, Swinerton Management and Consulting)*

5. The lead designer for our team is on vacation in Europe and will return next Monday, August 10th. Is there any opportunity to schedule the interview early the following week to include him? *No, the interview schedule is set. Teams will not be penalized for vacation absences.*

6. Where are we meeting and can you describe the layout/size of the room? *We’re meeting in Harlan Center, room 124, a small conference room with eight chairs for the design team. The dimension of the room is approximately 19’ x 24’*

7. Will you be posting any grading/selection criteria on your website prior to the actual interviews? *Not at this time. Specific site information will be posted for the design competition.*

8. Your instructions are very specific about not bringing any pre-prepared materials. Can we bring copies of the proposal and a blank sketch pad? *Copies of the SOQs and blank sketch pads are not considered pre-prepared materials. However, the intent of the interview is to get to “know” the day to day project participants and is not intended to be a sketch contest or design charrette. The District’s hope is that the day to day project participants will be at the interview, and not necessarily the Firm Principals. Successful firms will allow the day to day Project Managers and Project Designers to have an active, if not substantial role in the interview. Smaller groups are encouraged.*
9. Can you tell us the other firms that were long-listed? *This information is posted on the website as of 12:01am, August 4th, 2009.*

10. Is the program document shown on your website complete? We would like to know if there would be an additional round of programming verification. *There will be a program confirmation phase, but the District does not intend to substantially modify the program as it reflects the input of many constituent groups.*

11. Should we bring the LEED and Signage consultants to the interview? *The District will not comment on the composition of the team, other than what is stated in items 6 and 8, above. The interview is intended to be informal, and may or may not include specialty consultants.*