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## **Diversified Project Management to provide services for Holyoke Public Library project**

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Diversified Project Management, Inc. (DPM) has been retained by the Holyoke Public Library to manage the design and construction of an expanded library building program which includes restoration of a significant portion of the existing historic structure.

The library is a civic landmark in downtown and is a classically designed example of Greek architecture with detailed features inside and out. The building is constructed with a structure of wood and steel with a skin of glazed white brick and Indiana limestone including intricate sills, lintels, emblems, columns, and cornices. The library has been working to obtain a grant from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners to assist in the cost of expanding the facility to include nearly 40,000 s/f, while preserving and restoring a large portion of the original structure. A construction grant application was accepted by the commissioners on July 7, 2005 and a provisional grant was awarded on August 14, 2008 in the amount of \$4,367,594.

To facilitate the renovation portion of the project, a temporary relocation may be part of the overall construction project. This will be reviewed and analyzed in detail before a final decision is reached. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$14 million and \$17.5 million. It is the intention of the board of trustees to achieve a final schematic design and approval of the commission by mid-June.

DPM will provide full project management services including the management of the budget, scope & schedule, bidding & the selection of consultants and the vendors including the general contractor or construction manager. During renovations and construction DPM will provide on-site construction administration resources.

Frank Kennedy is leading the DPM effort serving as the project executive.

DPM has previously managed similar municipal projects including the management of the new Senior Center also in Holyoke.

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