

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposal to Sell
Michael White Adobe
Designated Historic Landmark in the City of San Marino

The San Marino Unified School District (District) is proposing to sell, for not less than \$1, the Michael White Adobe, a locally designated historic landmark, to a qualified individual, group of individuals, private organization, or public agency.

The Michael White Adobe is recognized as a historic resource and is known to have existed as early as 1845. It is situated on the campus of San Marino High School (SMHS) at 2701 Huntington Drive, San Marino, California. The District is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed expansion of the SMHS swimming pool, which would require the removal of the Adobe. The EIR will consider a range of alternatives for the proposed project, including relocation of the Adobe. It should be noted that a preliminary analysis completed by a qualified structural engineer with experience in historic preservation found relocation may be possible under controlled circumstances.

The District is accepting proposals from interested potential buyers that are capable of relocating the structure to an appropriate site and rehabilitating it such that its historical significance is maintained. In addition to specifying the proposed purchase price, the District is requesting that all interested individuals or organizations submit a detailed plan to the District identifying:

- (1) *The availability of an appropriate site.* Please identify the location of the proposed receiving site and describe its size, zoning, physical characteristics and general appropriateness to accommodate the Adobe. Please explain the organization's existing and anticipated ownership or leasehold interest in the property.
- (2) *The individual's/organization's financial capability.* The individual/organization must describe the financial resources it has available to relocate, restore/rehabilitate, and maintain the building in accordance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings* by Kay D. Weeks and Anne E. Grimmer (National Park Service, 1995) and *Moving Historic Buildings* by John Obed Curtis (National Park Service, 1979). This can be accomplished through the identification of cash reserves, specific grants, or other funding sources. Should the District elect to move forward with the proposed sale, the District will require the successful bidder to post a bond or other negotiable security in the amount of \$1 million that will be forfeited to the District in the event that the building is not removed from the site within a previously determined timeline.
- (3) *The timeline by which the relocation will be accomplished.* It is critical that the structure be moved from the current site between June 22, 2009 and August 7, 2009.
- (4) *The ability to make the building available for educational or civic-related services.*

Sale of the Michael White Adobe will be accompanied by an agreement under which the buyer shall indemnify and defend the District from losses suffered in association with the sale and relocation of the structure. The District reserves the right to request additional information and/or meet with potential bidders to clarify and differentiate proposals. The deadline to submit questions or a request addressing the above requirements to the address below is January 30, 2009.

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