

RFP 00342207

**National Register of Historic Places Nomination
For the Vaughn's Bookstore in Detroit, Michigan**

Questions and Answers

Question 1	Can you provide the physical address of Vaughn's Bookstore?
Answer 1	12115 Dexter Avenue, Detroit, Michigan
Question 2	The RFP mentions interior photographs and interior sketch maps; will these be required for Vaughn's Bookstore? If so, how is the interior accessed? Is there light inside or will special lighting be required?
Answer 2	We will work with the owner, the City of Detroit, to provide access to the building. The roof has collapsed so there is natural light.
Question 3	Is the full text of the Detroit Civil Rights project available for use in the preparation of this National Register Nomination (NRN)?
Answer 3	Yes. It is on the SHPO Civil Rights web page at https://www.miplace.org/4a72ad/globalassets/documents/shpo/programs-and-services/civil-rights-project/shpo-detroit-civil-rights-survey_website.pdf
Question 4	The RFP mentions that Vaughn's is the second black-owned bookstore in the United States. Is the first the one owned by David Ruggles in New York City and opened in 1834? If not, can you provide the name and location of the store you are referencing?
Answer 4	Reference was to Michaux's National Memorial African Bookstore in Harlem.
Question 5	We understand the SHPO received a grant from the NPS for \$15K toward this project. Is this the full amount of the budget for the NRN?
Answer 5	Yes.
Question 6	Is this project solely administered by SHPO or is there administrative duties (beyond general comments) from any Detroit organizations?
Answer 6	The SHPO will be administering this project under the requirements of the Underrepresented Communities Grant agreement with the National Park Service (NPS). All administrative duties and deliverables produced are subject to NPS review and approval.
Question 7	The RFP indicated March 31st as a deadline. This schedule seems potentially tight considering that this NR likely has a nationally important context, there are public hearings, and an oral history to complete, as well as a kick off meetings and three SHPO review periods. Is this date hard and fast? If a schedule is developed at the kick off meeting and key players are not able to review at the SHPO or a public hearing(s) can not be accommodated by the City of Detroit, is there the potential for the March 31st deadline to be adjusted?
Answer 7	The March 31, 2023 deadline is firm. This deadline accommodates the federal deadline of the Underrepresented Communities Grant that is funding this project.
Question 8	What previous documentation does the SHPO retain on Vaughn's Bookstore, such as inventory forms, maps, photographs, sketches, oral history recordings/transcripts/notes? If none, what is the repository for any previously conducted research/documentation?

Answer 8	The City of Detroit has some information but typically it is the job of the consultant to determine what resources are available.
Question 9	Is there known associated archeological evidence that is anticipated for inclusion in the Vaughn Bookstore NRHP nomination?
Answer 9	This is the responsibility of the consultant to obtain.
Question 10	What is the anticipated budget allocated for the Vaughn Bookstore NRHP nomination?
Answer 10	A federal Underrepresented Communities Grant awarded \$15,000 to pay for this nomination.
Question 11	Will the Vaughn Bookstore property owner (City of Detroit) provide right of entry for interior documentation to incorporate into the NRHP nomination?
Answer 11	Yes.
Question 12	Have any potential oral history informants been identified for incorporation into the Vaughn Bookstore NRHP nomination?
Answer 12	No. Consultant should determine if the owner Edward Vaughn is available for an interview. The selected consultant should also identify other key figures.
Question 13	How many oral history interviews are anticipated?
Answer 13	There is no expected limit. The purpose of the oral histories is to justify the areas of significance, enhance the narrative text, and provide first-hand accounts of the significance of the property.
Question 14	What type of oral history interviews are preferable for this project? Long in-depth or more variable depending on informants' knowledge (like shorter interviews with former patrons)?
Answer 14	Shorter interviews with those involved with events, employees, patrons, etc. Consultant should determine if the owner Edward Vaughn is available for an interview.
Question 15	What is the source document for the National Council of Public History statement on evaluating underrepresented community resources, an excerpt of which is included in the RFP?
Answer 15	The National Council on Public History website https://ncph.org/history-at-work/repairing-national-register-nominations-underrepresented-communities-and-integrity/
Question 16	What NRHP Criteria (A, B, C, and/or D) may be anticipated for the Vaughn Bookstore NRHP nomination?
Answer 16	The selected consultant should review National Register bulletins 15 and 16A and apply an appropriate historic context or historic contexts. Criterion C & D will probably not apply.
Question 17	What NRHP Areas of Significance may be anticipated for the Vaughn Bookstore NRHP nomination?
Answer 17	This is dependent on the research. At a minimum Ethnic Heritage: African American and Social History are likely Areas of Significance. Other areas, like Literature or Art may also apply. The selected consultant should refer to National Register bulletins 15 and 16A for more information on Areas of Significance.