

## FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON

ADDRESS OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO  
THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

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February 25, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith is a copy of the various questions asked by the competitors, in accordance with the program for a building for the Federal Reserve Board, with their respective answers. These form addenda to the above program.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and believe me

Very truly yours,

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Answers to Questions by Competitors, forming  
Addenda to Program for a Building for the  
Federal Reserve Board.

1. QUESTION: Reference is made to the program for the Federal Reserve Board building competition - page 7, section 13. It is respectfully suggested that the interval between May 8 and May 13, 1935 may prove insufficient time for the shipping receipts to reach the Board and give a reasonable margin for possible delay in the transit of the receipts addressed to the Board in Washington.

ANSWER: The matter of the sending of shipping receipts was duly considered. It was felt that the interval allowed between May 8 and 13 was sufficient to permit such receipt to reach Washington even from the most remote competitor. The possibility of air mail is suggested. Furthermore, should the competitor so desire, he may send the original receipt by air mail and a photostatic copy by regular mail, or vice versa, thus minimizing the possibility of delay in delivery.

2. QUESTION: May terrace and step developments project beyond the subordinate projection line shown on plats accompanying program?

ANSWER: Terraces, steps, balustrades, areas, etc. may project beyond the subordinate projection line shown on the Addenda accompanying the program. The building line and projection line refer to vertical walls of the building and subordinate vertical features such as pavilions, colonnades, etc.

3. QUESTION: Reference is made to the program of the competition for the selection of an architect for the proposed Federal Reserve Board building - page 18, second paragraph, entitled "Board Members".

It is not quite clear from the statement of requirements whether the suite of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board is included in the eight suites for the Board Members, or whether his suite is in addition to the eight

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suites for Board Members. Should there be provided a suite for the Governor in addition to the eight suites for the Board Members?

ANSWER: Eight suites in all should be provided, one of these is for the Governor.

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4. QUESTION: May exterior steps leading to first floor, on south elevation, project beyond subordinate building line?

ANSWER: See answer to Question 2.

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5. QUESTION: Shall the competitor follow the "Preliminary General Plan for Proposed Public Building Group in Northwest Rectangle" (Addenda 5) in laying out the principal streets, avenues and intersections and in locating the future public buildings on the "small scale drawing of general plan", required on page 5, paragraph 12-a of the Program?

ANSWER: For general layout follow: "Preliminary General Plan for Proposed Public Building Group in Northwest Rectangle" (Addenda 5). For detail follow Addenda 1: "Survey of sites facing south on Constitution Avenue bearing legend 'Profile View Along Building Line' dated January 10, 1935, designated 'File No. 80.21-1'", and Addenda 2: "Survey of site for proposed building for the Federal Reserve Board, dated January 10, 1935, designated 'File No. 80.21-2'".

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6. QUESTION: The program, page 16-L, calls for two cafeterias (1 clerical, 1 colored help). On page 19-F, only one cafeteria (seating 240) is called for. Are two cafeterias required, and if so, is the total capacity combined to be 240 seats?

ANSWER: Two cafeterias are required, the larger one is to have a capacity of 240 seats, the smaller one for colored help should have a capacity of 25 seats.

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7. QUESTION: Reference is made to the addenda, sheet 1 file #80.21-1.

Top of the masonry Academy of Science building is shown as 98 ft. above datum. The top of roof is shown as 98.89 ft. The top of masonry in the Public Health Service building is shown as 88.24 ft., top of roof 97.24 ft.

The masonry of the Academy of Science, from these figures, would be about 10 ft. higher than the Public Service Building.

Is this correct?

ANSWER: The figures on the Addenda sheet 1, File No. 80.21-1, may be taken as correct.

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8. QUESTION: Reference is made to page 11, section 24, third paragraph and page 14, section 29, paragraph c, regarding air conditioning.

Attention is called to the fact that in practice air conditioning apparatus is sometimes installed in the roof space and the duct work has been brought down without recourse to horizontal ducts in the ceiling spaces.

Should the above provisions be interpreted as eliminating such a system?

ANSWER: Competitors are requested to follow conditions as laid down in the program.

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9. QUESTION: No. 25. "BUILDING REGULATIONS: must comply in all respects....."  
 No. 29-b. ".....fine monumental central staircase.... serving all floors."  
 Washington Building Code, Section VI, Part 1 (e).  
 "Inclosures. Each stairway shall be within an inclosure so arranged that the line of travel from the highest to the lowest landing of the stairway shall be completely within the inclosure, and doors leading thereto shall be self-closing fire-doors. Stairs need not be inclosed when only one story in height."

Question - Will it be preferable to show a fine monumental central staircase only one story in height leading to utilitarian fire-protected stairways to the other floors or to plan a monumental stairway throughout the height of the building which can have little architectural effect as it must be surrounded by walls and reached only through self-closing fire doors?

ANSWER:

The building code must be followed. It is left to the judgment of the competitor as to whether he shall provide an open monumental staircase one story in height, leading to fire-protected stairways to the other floors, or plan a monumental stairway throughout the height of the building, properly protected to comply with the building code.

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10. QUESTION: No. 29-k. ".....The total useable area on all floors should equal 325 such units (12 x 18), exclusive of....."
- No. 28-a. ".....All of the lot area, however, is not necessary to fulfill the requirements as listed below. A certain amount of area will therefore be available and should be reserved on the lot for future portions or wings to be added....."
- No. 31. "SPACE FOR EXPANSION: The above spaces are to meet immediate needs. The Building..... to be erected as a result of this competition must be large enough, however, to provide for expansion of the various offices and..... thirty per cent approximately additional useable space....."

If paragraph No. 31 is taken literally it would mean that the total number of units, 325, referred to in 29-k should be increased by 30 per cent.

There are called for under the space assignment No. 30 detailed areas which total in units (12 x 18) as follows:-

Ground Floor - 55 plus units plus numerous rooms under general requirements.

First Floor - 83 plus entrance hall, etc.

Second Floor - 27 plus Board Members' suites, Board Rooms, etc.

Third Floor - 95.

Question: Is it correct to assume from the foregoing that the total useable "units" in addition to the exclusions stated (paragraph No. 29-k) should total 325 plus 30 percent or 430 and that the third floor should accommodate instead of 95 units 123 to accommodate the divisions of "Bank Operations," "Research and Statistics" and "Security Loans."

ANSWER: In addition to the 325 units listed 30 per cent extra should be provided, the additional space to be allotted proportionately within reasonable limits. Naturally superposed complete floors of the building will be approximately equal in area. In distributing the additional 30 per cent units of office space it may be necessary to have more additional space on one floor than another, even if the above proportionate distribution is somewhat disturbed, in order that the floors throughout the building may correspond reasonably in total area.

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11. QUESTION: No. 29-a. Toilets and lockers for men and women.  
Question: Should these be further sub-divided for color, and if so in what proportion?

ANSWER: General toilet provision on respective floors need not be further sub-divided for color.

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12. QUESTION: No. 29-1. ".....a cafeteria for Clerical Help and one for Colored Help.....serviced from the same kitchen."  
No. 30-f. "Cafeteria (seating 240)"  
Question: Does the 240 refer to the total of the two cafeterias called for in 29-1? And if so in what proportion? How many should the "general and small dining rooms seat respectively?"

ANSWER: See answer to Question 6. The "general dining room" is to seat a maximum of 20 persons, "private dining rooms" are to seat a maximum of 10 persons each.

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13. QUESTION: May a short "description" or comment be allowed? It is conceivably possible for a competitor in three months' study to find a solution which has not been foreseen by the Adviser and which a jury in two or three sittings may not appreciate or even deem perverse or incompetent unless a few paragraphs may be employed to state its theory and purpose. Two thousand words is often permitted; a thousand would be helpful. It would seem that it cannot be harmful and might be of use to Adviser and Jury. We earnestly urge it be granted.

ANSWER: This has been carefully considered. No description is permitted. See Section 12 e, page 6 of program.

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14. QUESTION: Since the solution of the whole problem should be well advanced to enable intelligent questions to be asked and but a few days have been had, is it not possible to extend the period during which questions are allowed another 30 days?

ANSWER: This also has been carefully considered. The period during which questions are allowed has elapsed and cannot be extended.

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15. QUESTION: No. 12 f. ".....cubage diagram....."  
Question: May this best be shown in isometric?

ANSWER: An isometric diagram is not permitted. Cubage diagram must be prepared in accordance with section 12 f, page 6, of the program.

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