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## **Proposals Received for 82 Ionia NW Building**

**GRAND RAPIDS** - Kent County received Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from three organizations for its building at 82 Ionia NW. The proposals were opened this afternoon by the Kent County Purchasing Division and are now being evaluated. The Kent County Board of Commissioners will make the final decision on whether to sell the property this fall. The site is located in downtown Grand Rapids at the corner of Ionia and Fountain NW.

The County and Progressive A&E recently completed a 2015 Space Needs Study. The study looked at all County-owned or leased properties. Several buildings were not being used to their fullest potential, according to the research, including 82 Ionia, which is about 65% occupied. Friend of the Court, Circuit Court Probation, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and Community Housing and Development are housed in the building.

The County purchased the building in 2005. It was originally constructed in 1932. Building frontage includes space on Fountain Street, Ionia Street and Division Avenue. "We will evaluate the proposals based on the recommendations identified in the Space Needs Study," said Daryl Delabbio, Kent County Administrator/Controller. "We are looking forward to the next steps."

The vendors submitting proposals for the 82 Ionia property are listed at the link below: <a href="https://www.accesskent.com/RFPPublishing/Status.jsp">www.accesskent.com/RFPPublishing/Status.jsp</a>

(The link names the firms that submitted proposals; no further details will be made available at this time.)

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