**AIANH NHYAF Design Competition 2013**

**Whitcomb Hall Renovation Program**

**West Swanzey, New Hampshire**

The Village of West Swanzey, New Hampshire would like to renovate the Whitcomb Hall Building into a premier, for-profit event facility that serves the southwest region of the State. The facility should be capable of hosting events from 10 to 250 people with a plan that allows for flexible use and multiple configurations of the space. This new events facility should include the following components:

* A Main Auditorium space that supports theatrical and musical performances; movies; weddings and wedding receptions; lectures; private dinners; and other large gatherings. The Main Auditorium shall include the audio-visual, and stage capability to support these functions, as well as convenient and functional storage space required for the different types of furnishings required for different events.
* A Multipurpose Room that supports a variety of meeting; dining; and classroom uses. The Multipurpose Room will also be used to supplement the Main Auditorium space for larger events. The Multipurpose Room will be adjacent to the new Kitchen (described below) to accommodate cooking classes. Audio-visual capability in this space should be scaled for smaller groups.
* Break-out Room(s) that support the Multipurpose Room. The Break-out Room(s) will accommodate uses such as temporary offices; legal deposition; and bridal party preparations. These rooms should have convenient proximity to the Multipurpose Room and Main Auditorium.
* A Kitchen that supports caterers for large events, private dinner parties, and cooking classes. The Kitchen shall be located with convenient proximity to the Multipurpose Room, have a convenient means of delivering food to the Main Auditorium, and allow mechanical and exhaust to have minimal visual impact on the Building’s exterior. The Kitchen shall provide as a minimum, a large commercial convection oven, large commercial refrigerator, large double sink, and ample workspace.
* A small Office space that accommodates the needs of the Building’s management.

In addition to providing the spaces listed above, the Whitcomb Hall Building will also include:

* A new addition that provides code compliant egress, and accessibility.
* Appropriate and convenient connections to parking and Village pedestrian circulation.
* Means of announcing events through signage attached and/or unattached to the Building.
* Public, accessible restrooms.
* Adequate Lobby Entry space for the Main Auditorium.

Design proposals should show a sample of different room furnishing configurations. Compliance to the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings is encouraged.