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CITY OF Detroit
STATE OF Michigan
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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ARCHITECTS' ROSTER AND/OR REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS QUALIFIED FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS

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- 1. (a) FIRM (individual or partnership) SUREN PILAFIAN - Architect
(b) FORMER FIRM, if any Lubin and Pilafian - Architects and Engineers
Barton and Pilafian - Architects
2. BUSINESS ADDRESS 112 Madison Avenue, Detroit 26, Michigan
3. YEAR ESTABLISHED 1942 (in present form)

4. PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS Name of Principal Suren Pilafian Name of Principal

Furnish data complete, but keep to essentials. Describe each member of firm individually; if more than two, append extra sheets.

- (a) Date of Birth July 20, 1910
(b) Education New York University - five years at night
Beaux Arts Institute of Design
Columbia University - two years at night
Pratt Institute - one year at night
(c) Experience Prior to Own Practice (Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)
Cass Gilbert, Architect - draftsman from 1928 to 1935
Shreve, Lamb and Harmon, Architects - designer in 1935 and from 1941 thru 1942
Norman Bel Geddes - designer from 1938 thru 1939
Federal Works Agency - project planner from 1939 thru 1941
(d) Commenced Practice 1935
(e) Number of Years a Principal seven

(f) **Architectural Licenses**

(Give State, Number and Year Issued.)

Michigan - No. 3179 - 1938

New York - No. 5177 - 1939

(g) **Professional Societies and Offices Held**

American Institute of Architects

Michigan Society of Architects

New York Society of Architects

(h) **Service in World Wars I and II.** (Append data if desired.)

none

(i) **Civic Activities**

Architects Civic Design Group of the Detroit Metropolitan Area -
member of Executive Committee, in charge of publicity

5. CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED:

(If a member of your staff, so state)

(a) **STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Ray W. Covey
Business Address 828 Michigan Building, Detroit 26

(b) **HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Snyder and McLean
Business Address 2214 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26

(c) **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Snyder and McLean
Business Address 2214 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26

(d) **PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS**

Name of Firm or Individual Snyder and McLean
Business Address 2214 Penobscot Building, Detroit 26

(e) **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

Name of Firm or Individual Wilcox and Laird
Business Address 1433 Dime Building, Detroit 26

6. OTHER REMARKS RE QUALIFICATIONS:

(Append extra sheet if necessary)

(a) **COMPETITIONS WON:**

1. First Prize (and commission) in competition to select an architect for the Wayne University Student Center (1942)
2. First Prize in competition for campus plan for Wayne University (1942)
3. First Prize (and commission) for Teheran Stock Exchange Building (1935)
4. First, second and mention prizes for store front designs (1935)

(b) Retained as special consultant on Civic Center development studies by Detroit City Plan Commission (1944-1945)

(c) Retained for development of campus plans for Wayne University (1946)

7. SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

	Largest Single Job	All Jobs Valuation	Annual Average
Work Completed 1930-1940	\$100,000.-	\$150,000.-	\$75,000.-
Work Completed 1941-1946	none	none	none
Current Work under construction or working drawings authorized	\$1,200,000.-	\$2,629,000.-	\$800,000.-

8. REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR WHICH YOU WERE ARCHITECT OR WERE ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS:

(a) **Three Projects Not Exceeding Cost of \$300,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
Armenian Cultural Hall	\$123,000.-	Detroit	Armenian Apostolic Society
Noshahr Branch Bank	100,000.-	Iran	National Bank of Iran
Confectionery Store	40,000.-	Hamtramck	James Bardy

(b) **Three Projects Costing From \$300,000 to \$1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
Classroom Building	\$900,000.-	Detroit	Wayne University
Clinical office building	350,000.-	Grosse Pointe	Medical Properties Assn.
Headquarters Building	320,000.-	Detroit	International Institute

(c) **Three Projects Costing Over \$1,000,000:**

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
Student Union	\$1,200,000.-	Detroit	Wayne University

9. PHOTOGRAPHS/PHOTOSTATS:

The author submits herewith photographs or photostats (size 8" x 10") of several buildings for which he has been the Architect, as follows: (N.C.A.R.B. presentation acceptable.)

- Wayne University Classroom Building
- Wayne University Student Union
- International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit
- Wayne University Campus development
- Detroit Civic Center (development studies)
- Noshahr Branch of National Bank of Iran

10. COLLABORATION WITH JUNIOR ARCHITECTS:

- (a) If an established individual or firm, are you willing to collaborate with other firms or individuals which would permit junior architects to qualify and help further their professional careers?

Yes

- (b) If in private practice at this time, name associates (if additional architects are to be added to your organization) for the purpose of qualifying:

None

- (c) If not in private practice at this time, name established architect or firm with whom you have agreed to collaborate, for the purpose of qualifying:

In private practice

- 11.(a) I/We wish to be included in the Architects' Roster
do not wish to be

- (b) I/We would like to be considered for the Register of Architects Qualified for Federal Public Works
do not wish to be

I/We hereby certify that the above is a true statement of facts.

Name of Firm or Individual SUREN PILAFIAN - Architect

Signed by all Principals:

Suren Pilafian