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CITY OF Philadelphia

STATE OF Pennsylvania

DATE May 9, 1946

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ARCHITECTS' ROSTER AND/OR REGISTER OF ARCHITECTS QUALIFIED FOR FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS

TYPING IS MANDATORY. PARTNERSHIPS SHOULD MAKE A JOINT RETURN ONLY.
Pink copy is to be retained by the author; other copies to be mailed to The American Institute of Architects, 1741 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

1. (a) **FIRM** (individual or partnership) LEWIS J. COWAN
- (b) **FORMER FIRM**, if any.....
2. **BUSINESS ADDRESS** 610 Colonial Bldg., N.E. Cor. 15th & Market Sts., Phila., Penna.
3. **YEAR ESTABLISHED** 1932

4. PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS	Name of Principal	Name of Principal
	<u>LEWIS J. COWAN</u>	- -

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

- (a) **Date of Birth** January 15, 1900
- (b) **Education** South Phila. High School
Drexel Institute in C.E.
- (c) **Experience Prior to Own Practice**
(Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)
W. A. Young, R.A. - Arden, Delaware
Employee and Associate - Oct. 1926 - 1929
- (d) **Commenced Practice** 1932 - 1933
- (e) **Number of Years a Principal** 14 years

(f) Architectural Licenses
(Give State, Number and Year Issued.)

Penna. - EX2078 - 1942
Professional Engineer License - Penna. - #4235 Issued 1933

(g) Professional Societies and Offices Held
American Institute of Architects
National Society of Professional Engineers
Franklin Institute

(h) Service in World Wars I and II. (Append data if desired.)
Private S.A.T.C. - University of Penna. - Civil Engineering Course -
World War I Sept. 1918 - Dec. 1918

(i) Civic Activities
Air Raid Warden - neighborhood

5. CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED:

(If a member of your staff, so state)

(a) STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual self
Business Address above

(b) HEATING & VENTILATING ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual W. A. Young
Business Address o/o Lewis J. Cowan

(c) ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual none
Business Address "

(d) PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual W. A. Young
Business Address o/o Lewis J. Cowan

(e) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Name of Firm or Individual none
Business Address "

6. OTHER REMARKS RE QUALIFICATIONS:

(Append extra sheet if necessary)

Office of the undersigned has organization consisting of two architects and two draftsmen, well experienced in housing and housing development by operative builders, providing for our own contours and other engineering services required in the fulfillment of all architectural and engineering services. This office, at present, is occupied in making plans for veterans' housing and other miscellaneous works.

7. SUMMARY OF PROJECT COSTS:

	Largest Single Job	All Jobs Valuation	Annual Average
Work Completed 1930-1940	\$100,000.00	\$2,000,000.00 war years did not amount to much	\$200,000.00
Work Completed 1941-1946	\$420,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$250,000.00
Current Work under construction or working drawings authorized	\$650,000.00	housing developments and miscellaneous alterations and new building construction	

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
Gainor Apartment	\$120,000.00	51st & Gainor Ave.	A. Stark
Housing Development	\$50,000.00	52nd & Gainor Ave.	Chas. Litman
Warehouse	\$42,000.00	2104 N. Front St.	S. Schultz

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

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
Housing Development	\$500,000.00	Marley St. bet. "F" & Garland	Finestone & Segal
" "	\$130,000.00	Wheeler St., " 57th & 58th	Dozor & Leonard

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

Name of Project	Cost	Location	Owner
none	.	.	.

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.)

None available

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:

If necessary for qualifying, I will add qualified architects to my organization.

- (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:

- 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 **LEWIS J. COWAN**

Signed by all Principals: *Lewis J. Cowan*



STATE.....PENNSYLVANIA.....
CITY.....PHILADELPHIA.....COUNTY.....
DATE.....June 15, 1953.....

ARCHITECTS' ROSTER QUESTIONNAIRE

TO EVERY ARCHITECT IN THE UNITED STATES AND ITS POSSESSIONS:

The Architects' Roster is maintained by The American Institute of Architects as a service to the profession as a whole and to agencies of the United States Government. Every registered architect, whether or not a member of The Institute, is eligible for inclusion in the Roster. The Institute maintains custody of the Roster, keeps it up to date and in good order for use. The Roster is available to any representative of the Government and to representatives of foreign governments in Washington. Reference may be made to The Architects' Roster in negotiations with government agencies and other interested parties. Experience with the Roster since its establishment in 1946 has shown its usefulness. Growing out of an earlier Register of architects qualified for public works, The Roster provides at The Octagon an accurate, current record of the qualifications and achievements of members of the profession. It allows a positive and helpful response to requests for factual information on architects, and in that way constitutes a service to the profession.

The American Institute of Architects assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of statements made in this Questionnaire. The obligation to maintain this record as a current description of an architectural firm rests with the firm, and supplementary record forms are available for this purpose.

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1 a FIRM (Indicate whether individual, partnership or corporation.)

.....Lewis J. Cowan - individual.....

b FORMER FIRM, Name if any.....none.....

2 STREET ADDRESS.....1505 Pine Street..... **Phone** Pennypacker 5-8726

3 YEAR ESTABLISHED.....1932.....

4 PERSONAL HISTORIES OF PRINCIPALS

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

Lewis J. Cowan

NAME OF PRINCIPAL

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a Date of Birth January 15, 1900

b Place of Birth Philadelphia

c Education South Phila. High School

Drexel Institute in C.E.

collateral courses - U. of Penna.

d Experience Prior to Own Practice

(Give architect or architectural firm affiliations, positions held, and approximate dates of employment.)

W. A. Young, R.A. - Arden, Delaware

Employee and Associate - Oct. 1926-29

e Commenced Practice 1932-33

f Number of Years a Principal 21 years

g Architectural Licenses (Give State, Number and Year issued.)

Penna. - EX2078 - 1942

New Jersey - C2719 - 1947

Professional Engineer License - Penna. - #4235 Issued 1933

NCARB Certificate # 791 - July 1947

h Membership in Professional Societies and Offices Held

American Institute of Architects

National Society of Professional Engineers

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

Private S.A.T.C. - University of Penna. - Civil Engineering Course -

World War I. Sept. 1918 - Dec. 1918

j Civic Activities

5 REMARKS CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS OF FIRM

(This space is best used to present qualifying information such as number of employees, amount of office space, financial information and other information presumed of interest to a prospective client. Append extra sheet or use back of this form, if necessary.)

Office of the undersigned has organization consisting of two architects and four draftsmen, well experienced in housing and housing development by operative builders, providing for our own contours and other engineering services required in the fulfillment of all architectural and engineering services. This office, 500 sq. ft. in area, is occupied in making plans for veterans' housing and other miscellaneous works.

6 CONSULTANTS USUALLY EMPLOYED: (If a member of your staff, so state.)

a STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual self
Business Address above

b HEATING AND VENTILATING ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual W. A. Young
Business Address c/o Lewis J. Cowan

c ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual James T. Clark
Business Address Commercial Trust Bldg., Phila.

d PLUMBING OR SANITARY ENGINEERS

Name of Firm or Individual W. A. Young
Business Address c/o Lewis J. Cowan

e LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Name of Firm or Individual none
Business Address "

f OTHER (Civil, Foundation or Mechanical Engineers, Appraiser, Equipment Designers, Valuers, Industrial Layout Engineers, etc.)

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7 REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR WHICH YOU WERE OR ARE ARCHITECTS; OR WERE OR ARE ASSOCIATED WITH OTHERS: (In left margin, mark *—U. S. Government projects, **—projects not yet complete.)

Name and type of project	Location	Date	Cost	Owner <small>(Indicate whether as Architect or Associate Architect)</small>
Parnell Place	Phila., Pa.	1952	\$300,000	Welsh Grant Corp.
Palmetto Street	" "	1952	\$300,000	E. Toll
Curtis Hills	Wyncote, Pa.	1952	\$400,000	Construction Serv. Co.
"K" Street	Phila., Pa.	1952	\$300,000	Finestone Bros.
** Garden Court Apts.	" "	1953	\$700,000	Tyson Construction Co.
** School building	Phila., Pa.	1953	\$170,000	Cong. Beth Judah
Warehouse	" "	1953	\$ 40,000	Samuel Segal
Housing project	" "	1953	\$500,000	B. Fineman
Housing project	" "	1953	\$500,000	Welsh Grant Corp.
<u>Before 1952:</u>				
Garden Court Apt.	F.H.A. 608 - Phila.	1947	\$270,000	D. Josephson
Lotus Village	Phila., Pa.	1948	\$300,000	S. Weinrott Assoc. with Norman Rice, AIA
Garden Court	Phila., Pa.	1949	\$220,000	Frank Fogel
<u>All the above were designed by Lewis J. Cowan, Architect — except as noted under Lotus Village.</u>				

8 PHOTOGRAPHS/PHOTOSTATS

Not mandatory. Submit herewith photographs or photostats (size 8" x 10") of several buildings for which you have been the Architect, as follows: (N.C.A.R.B. presentation acceptable.)

None

9 COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ARCHITECTS:

a As an established individual firm, are you willing to collaborate with other firms or individuals?

yes

b Are you and/or your firm agreeable to accepting supervision of work where designs are produced by others—or vice versa?

yes

c List firms (or individuals) with which you are associated at present or have an associate or working agreement: (Please furnish a letter from the other party verifying the association.)

none

10 THIS QUESTIONNAIRE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES **yes** **no**

The undersigned hereby certify that the above is a true statement of facts.

Name of Firm or Individual: Lewis J. Cowan

Signed by all Principals: *Lewis J. Cowan*

