

Is 'smart house' still an oxymoron?

By Michelle Slatalla
New York Times

My house is like the boyfriend your mother didn't want you to marry. My house throws great parties, and people always tell me how good-looking it is. Once, during a renovation, we broke up for a while after I found a few disturbing things behind its walls that my house hadn't bothered to tell me about "because they didn't seem like a big deal."

But we reconciled because my house always promised to change — by adding a bathroom, a deck or a cottage garden — in ways that not only made it a better place to live but that also promised, one day, to return my money at resale.

In this uncertain real estate market, part of me thinks it's time to accept my house for what it is and stop spending on improvements. But another part wonders why my house can't wake me in the morning with soft music. And why can't it stay neat, instead of cluttering every room with a half-dozen remote controls and tangled cords that snake from the back of every stereo and television set?

Maybe it can. As recently as a few years ago, I considered the phrase "smart house" an oxymoron. I conjured images of complex, expensive whole-house systems that required regular visits from technicians and were prone to malfunction the moment you wanted to show off your home theater to neighbors.

But now a growing number of companies — including Home Automation Inc., Control4 and the software maker 4HomeMedia — are specializing in simpler, universally compatible products so even technophobes can automate one room at a time with mix-and-match components.

"The buzzword is customization, with systems that have become very scaleable and allow you to start off with something small like lighting controls, and build on later, when you want to add a home theater," said Steve Koenig, the director of industry analysis for the Consumer Electronics Association, a trade group.

These days I could, for instance, spend less than \$5,000 for all the equipment necessary to automate my house if I installed a Control4 system (see www.control4.com for dealers) to manage everything from my television to my thermostat with a universal remote or a wall-mount touch screen.

Of course, even the most inexpensive upgrade may not guarantee a financial return at resale. "There's no evidence that it's in demand by the average buyer," said Sal Alfano, the editorial director of Remodeling magazine, a trade publication that conducts an annual survey to calculate the payoffs from home improvements. "With money tight, what we see is that replacement projects, like windows, siding and roofing, rose to the top of the list in 2007 and the higher-end stuff, like upscale kitchen remodels, dropped." But some real estate agents say that energy-saving automation is increasingly attractive to buyers. "I see people moving in that direction, especially when 'smart' means 'green,'" said Kathleen Clifford, a Realtor in my Northern California town.

For example, Clifford said, a few months ago a smart house that boasted a home theater as well as radiant-heat floors attracted multiple bidders and sold for 110 percent of the asking price.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Southwest Indian Foundation is requesting bids for the following

HOME CONSTRUCTION BUILDING MATERIAL For SIX (6)-two & three bedroom houses for "OPERATION FOOTPRINT."

Bid specifications and material list can be obtained from the Project Office of Southwest Indian Foundation located at 218 E. Historic Highway 66. Telephone: (505) 863-9568.

Deadline for bids: 2:00 P.M., August 20, 2008.

Indian preference is applicable, bidders claiming said preference must submit evidence of this certification with their bid.

Bids will not be opened publicly and Southwest Indian Foundation reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids are to be plainly marked "BID for HOMES 15 through 20 OPERATION FOOTPRINT."

All firms submitting bids under this solicitation must comply with all other qualification requirements referenced in the solicitation documents in order for their bid to be considered.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Window Rock-Apache County
Arizona

Navajo Housing Authority Re-Advertising RFP 131 Risk Management Excess Liability Insurance

The Navajo Housing Authority (NHA) is hereby contacting prospective Professional Insurance Agents/Broker Services for Excess Liability for Insurance Carrier(s) for property-commercial and dwelling, crime, commercial auto, public officials, errors and omissions, and employee benefits. All interested firms are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the instructions.

Detailed instructions may be obtained from the NHA Purchasing Dept. at Route N54, Old Coalmine Rd in Ft. Defiance, AZ, by calling (928) 729-6371/6305 or via email procurement@hooghan.org and requesting for RFP #131-Risk Management Excess Liability. All proposals must be received by August 12, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. (MDST). No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. Indian Preference will be applied (24 CFR part 1000.52).

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
Second Mesa-Navajo County
Arizona

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE HOPI TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) is seeking proposals for Government Accounting and Consulting Services for the period from September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009. The selected firm will enter into a contract with the HTHA to complete accounting and consulting services in accordance with GAAP, the requirements of NAHASDA, and other applicable law. This request for proposals is open to both Indian and non-Indian firms. Please contact the HTHA at (928) 737-2556 to submit a letter of interest and to request a copy of the Request for Proposals which includes project information, scope of work, Indian Preference, selection criteria and due date for proposal receipt.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Acoma-Cibola County
New Mexico

Triad Western Constructors, Inc. requests Subcontractor/Material Supplier quotes for the Acoma WWTP, Pueblo of Acoma, NM from Disadvantaged, Minority and Women Business Enterprises (DBE, MBE, WBE). Project Bids August 8, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. local time EOE. Please send quote to:

Cliff Ayers c/o
Triad Western Constructors, Inc
512 North Broadway
Cortez, Co 81321
(970) 565-4257 Phone
(970) 565-1057 Fax

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246)

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LEGAL NOTICE
Second Mesa-Navajo County
Arizona

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE HOPI TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) is seeking proposals for Legal Services for the period from September 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009. The selected firm will enter into a contract with the HTHA to provide general counsel legal services to the HTHA in accordance with NAHASDA and other applicable law. This request for proposals is open to both Indian and non-Indian firms. Please contact the HTHA at (928) 737-2556 to submit a letter of interest and to request a copy of the Request for Proposals which includes project information, scope of work, Indian Preference, selection criteria and due date for proposal receipt.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Window Rock-Apache County
New Mexico

Request for Statement of Qualifications and Cost Proposal for Construction Services

The Navajo Nation Department of Economic Development is soliciting Statement of Qualifications and Cost Proposals from licensed contractors for Phase I construction services for the Newlands Shopping Center located in Sanders Arizona.

Separate sealed responses and bids for the construction of the utilities and grading and drainage will be received by the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development, Attention: Jeanette Jones at 100 Taylor Road, Karigan Professional Building, St. Michaels AZ 86511 until 2:00 (Mountain Standard Time) August 25th. Bids received after the specified date and time will be returned unopened. The name of each firm submitting a proposal and other relevant information as determined by the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development shall be recorded and available for public inspection. All other information shall remain confidential until after the award is made. Faxed responses are not acceptable.

The bid documents can be obtained at Environmental Hydrosystems Ltd, 901 N. San Francisco Street, Flagstaff AZ 86001-3235, (928) 225-2218, upon payment of a \$125.00 Deposit for each set. Any unsuccessful BIDDER, upon returning such sets in good condition within ten days after the bid opening, will be refunded their payment. Non-BIDDERS, upon return of the set in good condition, within ten days after the bid opening, will be refunded \$75.00.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the offices of the Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development at 100 Taylor Road, Karigan Professional Building, St. Michaels AZ 86511 on Thursday August 18th 2008 at 10:00 A.M. (Mountain Standard Time). After a discussion of the project a visit to the project site in Sanders AZ (located approximately 40 miles from St. Michaels) will occur allowing potential bidders an opportunity to see site constraints and speak with design engineers. The site visit is a pre-requisite.

The construction contract shall be awarded to the most qualified BIDDER whose bid does not exceed the amount of funds available for construction. The Navajo

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Business Opportunity Act 5 N.N.C. §201 et. Seq., and the Navajo Nation Procurement Code 12 N.N.C. §301 et. Seq. shall apply to all contracts and subcontracts and BIDDERS shall adhere to the Navajo Preference Employment Act. These requirements are set forth in the Bid Documents.

The Navajo Nation reserves the right to reject any and all bids that is considered to be in its best interest.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Second Mesa-Navajo County
Arizona

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) will receive Bids from qualified Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises for the replacement of Two (2) Fire Damage Single Family Housing Units on the Hopi Reservation until 4:00 pm, local time, August 21, 2008 at the Hopi Tribal Housing office Polacca, AZ. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 USC 450(e)). Section 7(b) requires to the greatest extent feasible: (1) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and (2) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to American Indian/Alaska Native-owned enterprises. Interested Firms are requested to submit a Letter of Interest to the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority, Ms. Miona Kaping, Acting Executive Director, at PO Box 906, Polacca, AZ 86042, Telephone: (928) 737-2556, and a Proposal Package will be mailed to each interested firm; the Proposal Package will include project information and instructions to bidders, and a set of Architectural drawings the bidders will use to submit a Price proposal to the HTHA. Each bidder shall submit one original and two copies of original bound proposals which the HTHA will evaluate and make a selection based on a list of Criteria. The HTHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities, and to award a construction contract that is in the best interest of the HTHA. No Contractor may withdraw their bid for a period of 60 days after the date of opening thereof.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Window Rock-Apache County
Arizona

REQUEST FOR BID 08-07-563LE

The Navajo Nation Purchasing Services is soliciting for bids from interested qualified vendors for:

2- EA Mid Size 24-35 Passenger Bus W/2 Wheel Chair Positions

To obtain Specification (Bid No. 08-07-563LE) Contact: The Navajo Nation, Purchasing Services Department, PO Box 9000, Window Rock, AZ 86515 Telephone: (928) 871-6317; or Fax (928) 871-7778.

Closing Date: August 18, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. Any bids received after this time/date will be returned to sender.

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04. Help Wanted

Reliable help wanted
Best Western Red Rock Inn
Inquire within
505-722-7600.

CED a nationwide electrical distributor is soliciting energetic applicants for a warehouse/counter sales position at its Gallup location. Applicants must be able to perform strenuous physical activities in the shipping and receiving process, possess a clean driving record and high school degree or equivalent require. Resumes should be submitted to Todd Wilson at CED, 210 W Maloney, Gallup, New Mexico CED is an EOE Employer.

Pawn Clerk Position:
T&R Market has an immediate full-time opening for Sales Clerk. This position requires knowledge of firearms as you will be working in the pawn shop and be responsible for the firearms dept. Applications can be picked up at either pawn location and returned to H.R. Office 6 miles on Hwy 491.

Shiprock Associated Schools, Inc. Human Resources
Department P.O. Box 1809,
Shiprock NM 87420
Telephone: (505)368-2122
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***Navajo or Native American preference.**
***All positions require favorable personal and professional background checks and clearance from any criminal activities.**

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR

Disability Services, Inc. (DSI) is a non-profit organization providing home & community services to adults with disabilities in the Gallup area for 35 years. DSI is currently accepting resumes for a management position supervising the provision of services to 20 adults in the areas of Independent Living, Supported Employment, and Community Access. A bachelor's degree is required with three years of progressive supervisory experience in a social or human service field. Case-management or Service Coordination experience is preferred. DSI seeks applicants who can work in a team-based model and possess basic computer skills, technical writing skills, and the ability to coordinate a variety of operational and staffing functions. The position is salaried with work schedule based on the business week, with occasional evening and weekends as needed, including management on-call duties. Competitive salary and benefits.

Send resume including salary history and requirements to Disability Services, Inc., Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1296, Gallup, NM 87305 by closing date of August 14, 2008. DSI is an EEO employer.

General Laborer
Otto Trucking, Inc. needs a general laborer at our Sanders, AZ location. Must have reliable transportation, and responsible attitude. Most work will be done outdoors, mechanical aptitude a plus. Fax resume to 480-641-3550 or E-Mail to Sharon@ottotrucking.com.

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Job Vacancy Announcement
Opening Date: July 15, 2008
Closing Date: August 01, 2008
Chapter Manager
Permanent Position
Work Days: Mon-Fri
Salary: \$38,729.60 per annum
\$18.62 per hour
Qualification Requirements:
A Bachelor's Degree in Public or Business Administration or closely related field; and two years experience working with chapters in areas of community and economic development; or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience which provides the capabilities to perform duties. Depending upon the needs of the nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.

The Littlewater Chapter gives preference to eligible and qualified applicants in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act.
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needed full-time to perform histories and physicals to prospective donors in a state-of-the-art fast paced plasma center. We offer competitive compensation, excellent benefits, bonuses, profit-sharing and paid vacations. Current state license and CPR certification required. A nice place to work. Send resume and salary requirements to:
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Truck Drivers - Heavy Equipment Operators
Otto Trucking, Inc. the largest aggregate hauler in the Southwest, needs Exp. CDL truck drivers and Equip. operators at our Sanders, AZ location. Fax current 39 mo. MVR and your work history to: 480-281-0489 or E-Mail to Darren@ottotrucking.com.

Security Officers Needed
Job site: Peabody Western Coal. F/P time, Monday-Friday 5:00-9:00, HS/GED, 21 yrs old, valid D/L, clean Driving record, no criminal history. Contact Western States Security 1-800-258-3176/505-334-3759

13. Miscellaneous For Sale

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