## PARSONS THE NEW SCHOOL FOR DESIGN

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Office of the Dean

**To:** All Parsons Part- and Full-time Faculty and Program Leadership

From: Anthony Whitfield, Associate Dean for Civic Engagement

**Re:** Survey: Socially Engaged Partnerships

**Date:** January 18, 2013

## Dear Parsons Faculty:

In an effort to address a growing body of course related collaborative activity focused on social issues, the Parsons Dean's Office has instituted a new survey that you are asked to complete at the beginning of each semester if you are teaching courses that are socially engaged and involve external partnerships.

## This survey is designed to provide the following:

- A detailed listing of socially engaged coursework across Parsons on a semester by semester basis;
- An understanding of that work in advance of its execution;
- Opportunity to identify related endeavors;
- Opportunity to identify resource needs;
- Opportunity to develop joint promotional strategies;
- Information needed to inform institutional policies, and public profiles;
- Information needed to qualify for involvement in regional, national and international projects and forums for similarly engaged academic institutions;
- A clearer understand of student, faculty and staff involvement in these areas of endeavor;
- Data needed to develop appropriate academic programs and resources to support this activity;
- A detailed understanding of the breadth, resiliency, and nature of our socially engaged partnerships;
- A more detailed understanding of faculty involvement and workload implications.

This survey only pertains to coursework at Parsons that is socially engaged and involves external partnerships. It is not designed to address lectures, exhibitions, public forums, symposia, volunteer activities, publishing, or research activity unless directly connected to coursework at Parsons that is socially engaged and involves external partnerships.