

call
to
artists



Animal Shelter in Plano, Texas

Description of Public Art Project

The Public Art Committee of the City of Plano, Texas seeks to commission an original, exterior, site-specific, functionally, philosophically, and artistically integrated space for the city's Animal Shelter. Its purpose is to attract passersby and identify the facility. The artwork must be imaginative, durable, and require low maintenance.

Animal Services Facts

The mission of the City of Plano Animal Services Division is to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of animals and people in Plano, Texas. With a staff of 25, the Animal Shelter handles approximately 6,000 animals annually. Eighty percent of them are placed for adoption. Every year, 55-60,000 people visit the shelter. An expansion for the shelter is being planned and will be LEED-certified (environmental certification) and the existing shelter will be retro-fitted to meet LEED standards as well.

Budget - The budget for this project is \$22,000.

Selection Process - The Art Selection Panel will include community members, professional artists, representatives from the Animal Shelter and the Public Art Committee. Submissions of qualifications will be reviewed by representatives of the Public Art Committee and city staff, and if necessary, initially narrowed to semi-finalists. The Art Selection Panel will reduce the number of semi-finalists to three finalists. The finalists will be asked to develop a conceptual approach for artwork and make a presentation of their proposal in person, for which they will be given an honorarium of \$500. Travel for the conceptual presentation will be paid for by the City of Plano

and is not part of the listed project budget. The Art Selection Panel will rank the finalists for recommendation to the Public Art Committee, the Animal Shelter Advisory Board and to City Council. Upon approval, the artist will be awarded a contract.

Timeline - These dates are subject to change.

- 6/30/08 Submissions due by 5pm, Central Time.
- July 2008 Art Selection Panel narrows submissions to 3 finalists
Finalists asked to prepare concept proposals
- Sep 2008 Finalists present proposals.
Art Selection Panel ranks finalists and recommends to Public Art Committee
- Nov 2008 Approvals by city departments, boards, and City Council
Artist begins work

Submission Requirements

Submit the following on a CD. All items must be digital and labeled as directed.

- ✓ Letter of interest. Please include contact information.
- ✓ Current resume. (Label as ArtistLastName.Resume.doc or .pdf)
- ✓ Images of previous, relevant work. Maximum of 15 images. Please send each image as a .jpg and label with artist's last name, image number and image title. For example: Smith.01.TitleofPiece.jpg , Smith.02.TitleofPiece.jpg , etc.
- ✓ Images must be 1028 x 768 pixels (or smaller) and at least 72 dpi.
- ✓ Image list. For each entry, include image number, title, media, size, date, and brief description if necessary (Label as ArtistLastName.ImageList.doc or .pdf)
- ✓ References (Label as ArtistLastName.References.doc or .pdf)

Eligibility - The project is open to all artists located in the continental U.S.A. (due to budget/travel restrictions), age 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability. City of Plano employees, as well as selection panelists and their immediate family members are not eligible for participation.

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