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Artists Invited to Submit Qualifications for Public Art At Fire Station 12

The City of Raleigh is seeking qualifications from experienced artists or artist teams to provide site-specific public art for Raleigh's Fire Station 12. The artists or artist teams must have primary residence in North Carolina or the neighboring states of Georgia, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee or Virginia.

The project budget for the selected public art commission is \$41,625 inclusive of all expenses including but not limited to design, fabrication, installation, travel, taxes and fees. Each finalist will receive a \$650 travel budget for second-round interviews.

Qualifications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. There is no fee to submit qualifications.

Construction of Fire Station 12 is anticipated to begin this fall at Poole Road and Bus Way, near the City's Transit Operations Facility. The existing Fire Station 12 at 3409 Poole Road is aging, landlocked and too small. The new fire station will address these issues and enhance the Fire Department's ability to meet its public safety mission. In March 2013, the architectural firm of Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects, P.A., was hired by the City Council to design Fire Station 12.

Under goals established by the City of Raleigh's Public Art and Design Board, public art for Fire Station 12 should celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Raleigh Fire Department and honor public servants who protect those who cannot protect themselves. There are multiple opportunities for public art at the site.

The selection process will take place in two stages. In the first round, the Artist Selection Panel will evaluate qualifications of artists based on five criteria: artistic merit, placemaking experience, experience in collaborative public art processes, project management experience and technical expertise. For the second round, the Artist Selection Panel will identify up to three finalists to invite to Raleigh for interviews.

Public art at selected City of Raleigh sites is authorized by the Half Percent for Art Ordinance. The ordinance was adopted by the City Council in 2009 and implemented by the City's Public Art and Design Board and the City of Raleigh Arts Commission.

The City's Office of Raleigh Arts supports and promotes the arts in Raleigh by administering the programs of the Arts Commission and the Public Art and Design Board, and supporting the Pullen and Sertoma arts centers. The Office of Raleigh Arts is part of the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

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