

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ):
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Housing & Resource Center
Application Deadline: September 26, 2011

OVERVIEW

The City of Baltimore, the Baltimore Public Art Commission, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts in collaboration with the Baltimore City Department of General Services is seeking to commission a professional artist or artist team to create artwork for permanent display as part of the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Housing & Resource Center.

SITE DESCRIPTION



The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Housing & Resource Center is located at 620 Fallsway Road. The site is within the perimeters of Downtown Baltimore on the intersection of Fallsway and East Centre Street.

PROJECT DETAILS

In the effort of making homelessness a rare and brief experience in Baltimore City, specific actions have been implemented to provide and maintain sufficient housing in order to re-house persons in difficult situations. Within such actions, The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Housing & Resource Center project was launched and opened its doors to homeless single men and women in June of 2011.

The renovation of the building located on 620 Fallsway Road included the addition of comfortable living spaces, gathering/eating areas, offices for administrative staff, and an outdoor deck for seasonal enjoyment. The deck is the area of interest for the integration of public art elements such as benches, canopies, tables, mosaic treatment, etc. The commissioned artist will work closely with building staff and facility tenants to develop a public art design concept to proceed with fabrication and installation (Deck Specifications Attached).

BUDGET

Total project budget is **\$60,000** and includes all costs, such as finalist honorariums, artist's fees, travel, shipping, fabrication and installation. This budget is based on the estimated capital construction budget for the project.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be postmarked and sent by **September 26, 2011**

Applications received with a postmark after the deadline and those that are found to be incomplete will not be reviewed. It is the responsibility of the submitting artist to ensure that applications are complete and arrive by the deadline. Extensions to this deadline will not be granted.

TO APPLY

Applications must be mailed and addressed as follows:

Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts
ATTN: Marisol Lopez
7 E. Red Wood Street, Suite 500
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the following:

- **Signed Application Form:** artists must submit a signed copy of the form that follows this Request for Qualifications. If applying as a collaborative artist group, each member of the group must sign the application.
- **Artist Statement:** briefly describe your interest and qualifications for this project. Describe your experience and approach in working with communities.
- **Resume:** please attach a current Resume, which outlines your experience as a visual or public artist.
- **Image CD:** ten (10) images of completed past artworks must be saved onto a CD for review
 - Images must be sized to the following dimensions
 - File Format: Baseline JPEG (do not use progressive JPEG format)
 - Please size each image to be no more than 1 MB in file size.
 - File Name: Images **MUST** be titled in the following manner: Last Name, First Name, number corresponding to the image description sheet (For example: DoeJane01; DoeJane02; etc. Collaborative artists groups should begin their image title with their group name or the last name of each member followed in parenthesis by artist who completed the work that the image number refers (For example: DoeJonesSmith01(Doe); DoeJonesSmith02(Doe); DoeJonesSmith03(Jones); etc.)
- **Annotated Image List** to include the following: title of work, dimensions, medium, year of completion, location, three (3) sentence description, and artwork budget amount.

- **References:** names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of three (3) professional references for each applicant.

PUBLIC-ART PROJECT GUIDELINES

1. Chosen artwork will be required to withstand a high-traffic, unmonitored outdoor environment with very limited maintenance. Artists should take into consideration the possibility of adverse weather conditions, the wealth of pedestrian and vehicular traffic passing by and through the site and the safety of the audience.
2. The City of Baltimore, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts reserves the right to reproduce images of submitted artwork for printed or internet publicity, catalogue, map or other marketing or educational purposes.
3. Application materials will not be returned.

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

Any professional artist or artist team is eligible to apply. If artists are applying as a team, the team should be declared in the Artist Statement, specifying a team leader to receive notifications. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Current Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts employees and Public Art Commission members may not apply.

ARTIST SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCESS

Qualifications will be reviewed by the Baltimore Public Art Commission based on the following criteria:

- Aesthetic merit of past projects; appropriateness of artwork medium and artistic concepts;
- Experience, success and/or interest in creating public artworks in collaboration with architects, design teams, and community members.
- Past public art commissions not requisite for review, but submitted work should demonstrate potential for consideration as part of a public art selection process.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM GOALS

- To enrich and enliven the experience of Baltimore City for its citizens and visitors
- To establish a significant public art collection for the City.
- To create an engaging space, artwork, and environment that accentuates construction efforts, and is sensitive to the community where the artwork is located
- To commission public artwork that is durable and able to withstand high-traffic, unmonitored outdoor environments that include extreme adverse weather conditions, with very little maintenance

FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT:

Marisol Lopez

Public Art Administrator

Baltimore Office of Promotion and The Arts

Phone: (443) 263-4338 | Email: MLopez@PROMOTIONandARTS.com

APPLICATION FORM

Baltimore City 1%-for-Public Art
Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Housing & Resource Center
Request for Qualifications Submission

Artist Information

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

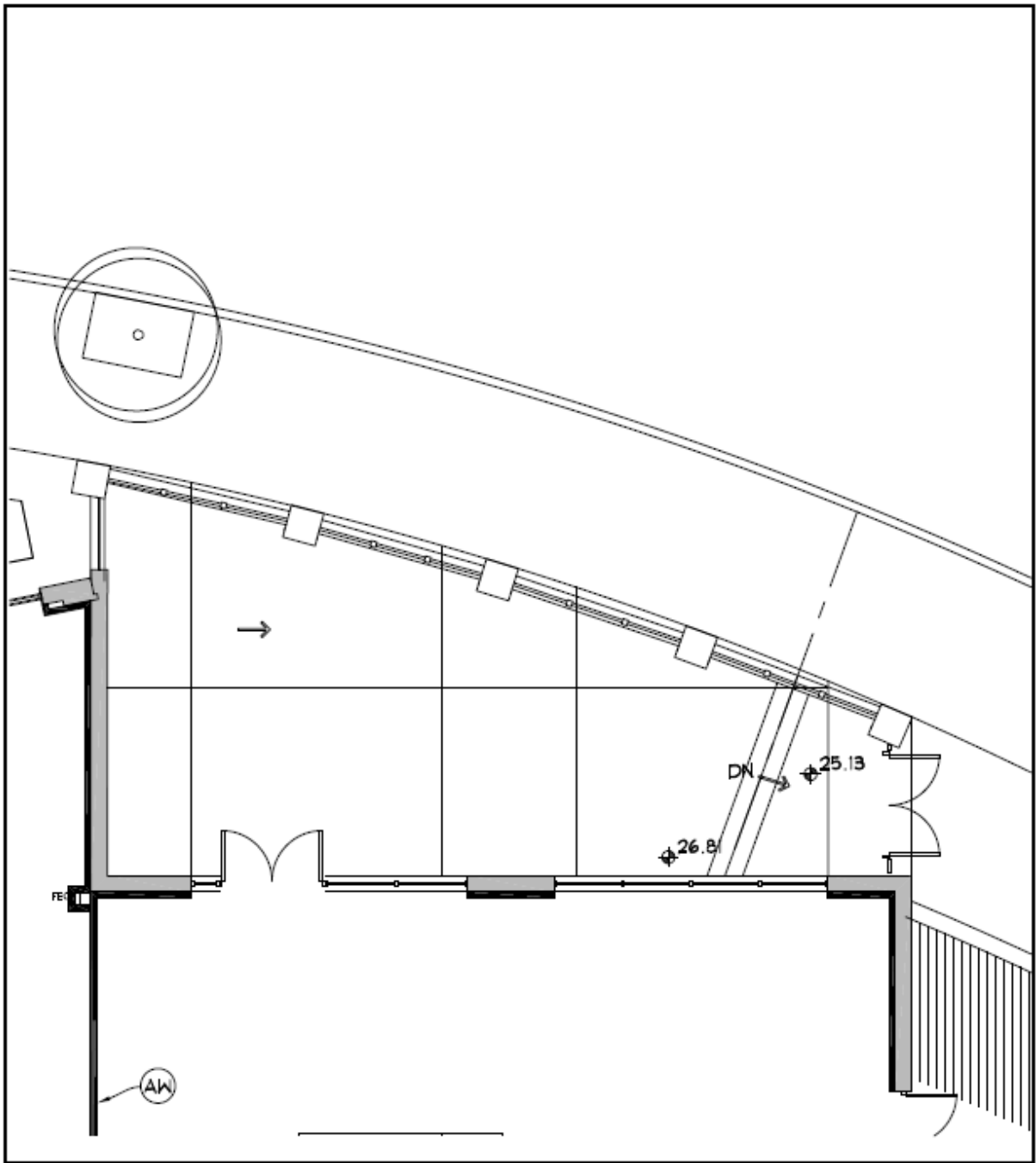
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Email_____ Cell_____

Website_____

I, _____, acknowledge receipt
(please sign here)
of this prospectus and will abide by the rules and regulations and agree to the terms and
conditions set forth herein.

ATTACHMENTS



DECK PLANS Scale: 1/8"=1'-0"

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