

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**Request for Qualifications
and Preliminary Proposals for
Climate Change Art Project**

The City of Davis in conjunction with Yolo County is seeking an artist or collaborative team to design and fabricate an art work that addresses climate change or individual and/or community carbon footprint. The city and county are interested in educating and raising public awareness of our energy usage in a fun, creative and uplifting manner. Proposals for dynamic and/or interactive works that aim at measuring individual or community progress while inspiring and motivating active participation in reducing our carbon footprint are encouraged. This goal may be accomplished by using low or high tech methods with the requirement that any powered elements of the work be powered by alternative sources of energy. There is potential for this project to be expanded into neighboring communities within Yolo County.

The city has been awarded a \$20,000 grant from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the Climate Art Project. Together with city contribution the budget will total \$30,000, with the possibility of other industry partners assisting as the project develops. Artists are required to show proof of liability insurance covering their work while in the studio.

Functional Requirements

A location has yet to be determined, although there is a strong preference for the piece to be interactive with high visibility in well traveled areas preferably within downtown Davis on land owned by the city. Applicants are encouraged to have a site in mind with careful thought given to safety, potential for vandalism and ease of maintenance. Possible sites include, but are not limited to; entrances to the city, Central Park at B and Fifth Streets, Third Street Corridor, Community Park and the parking structure at First and F Streets. Choosing a site will depend largely on what aspect of the carbon footprint the accepted proposal will target. Much of the data the City of Davis expects to easily have at its disposal pertains to air quality, transportation, waste and gas/electricity usage. However, other areas of energy usage are equally of interest but applicants will need to have a source for collecting data as well as a method for measuring the data. For more information on data resources please see attached.

Selection Process

The City Council has charged the Davis Civic Arts Commission with responsibility for recommending all acquisitions of public art. On their behalf, a panel made up of Civic Arts Commissioners, a Yolo County representative, a Yolo County Arts Council board member, a PG& E representative, an artist, community members from the Climate Action Team and city staff members will advise on final functional parameters and oversee the selection process. The Davis Civic Arts Commission will review the proposals and forward a recommendation to the City Council, which has final authority for

commissioning all works of art. As in all competitions, the city reserves the right to revise the project parameters as needed, and to reject all proposals if no consensus is reached on final selection. The selection process will be accomplished in two phases.

Phase One

The panel will review all application materials and choose up to five finalists. Selection will be based on a review of each applicant's style, previous work, ideas included in the applicant's letter of interest and preliminary sketch, appropriateness of materials to the project and technical ability relative to the site. Previous experience with public or private commissions is desirable but not required.

Phase Two

Finalists will each receive a \$500 stipend to refine their initial design concepts into proposals which may include scale models or renderings (at the option of the committee), descriptions of materials and construction, description of the fabrication process including the name and responsibilities of any subcontractors, a budget showing major costs relating to the project's fabrication, and a timeline for design and fabrication. Finalists will present their proposals to the Selection Committee and answer questions as needed. The selection committee will make a recommendation to the Civic Arts Commission as soon as possible. Additional discussions with individual applicants may be held before the final decision is made.

Application Procedure

In an effort to lessen our carbon footprint we encourage submitting most or all application materials digitally. Please submit one CD with images in a PC-compatible or PDF format and all narrative materials in PDF format. For more information contact Carrie Dyer at 530-757-5626 or by email cdyer@cityofdavis.org.

Interested applicants wishing to respond to this Request must submit all of the following:

1. A letter of interest, including a description of relevant experience, your initial concept for the project and the materials you prefer to use. Please include a preliminary budget and what aspect of the carbon footprint you intend to target along with how you will monitor progress.
2. Sketches based on your initial concept.
3. Submit up to 20 digital images of recent work. If you are applying as a team, no more than 30 digital images for the entire team will be accepted. Images should be no larger than 72 dpi (72 dpi, maximum 360x243 pixels or 5" x 3" or 257K). When opened, each image file should appear in the proper orientation (portrait or landscape). Please note: City Staff will not adjust or alter digital images. Each image should be labeled with Artist's last name and image number, i.e. "Rembrandt_1." Images must be submitted on ONE virus free PC compatible CD-Rom.

4. Submit an image sheet indicating information about each artwork including the title of work, media, size, and location. If commissioned, include the budget and commissioning agency.
5. Submit a current resume, no more than three pages with your name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address at the top of each page. Please include names and phone numbers of up to three professional references who can address your ability to complete a public art project. If you are working as a team, you must submit a resume for each team member. Do not submit articles or press releases.
6. Additional Instructions:
 - Include one envelope with postage for return of digital images.
 - Please do not use folders, spiral binding or other type of binding for your written materials.
 - Put your name, address, phone number and e-mail address on each page of the application materials.

Deadline for Submittal

All applications must be delivered by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2009 to

City of Davis
Community Services Department
ATTN: Climate Change Art Project
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616

- Postmarks and faxes will not be accepted.

Purchase Agreement

Selected Artist (s) will be required to sign a contract with the City of Davis. A sample art purchase contract is available by contacting city staff member Carrie Dyer.

Contact Person

Questions, inquiries and requests for additional information should be directed to:
Carrie Dyer, Community Services Supervisor, 530-757-5626, cdyer@cityofdavis.org.