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Glendale Arts Commission  
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# Request for Qualifications

## West Branch Library

The City of Glendale announces a public art opportunity for a qualified artist or artist team to design, fabricate and install artwork for the new West Branch Library. The Glendale Arts Commission and the Library and Arts Department support this public art project cooperatively.



### Project Description and Site

The City of Glendale is embarking upon the process of constructing a new branch library in Yucca District in the western part of the city. The library will be the centerpiece for a new 80 acre regional park, which will have recreational and sports amenities. In the future, aquatics and parks and recreation facilities will be built in the park. The site is near the intersection of 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Bethany Home Road.

DWL Architects, Phoenix, is designing the 33,500 square foot facility, which will be completed in 2010. The building features dedicated spaces for children, teens and adults, a café, retail store, meeting rooms and outdoor patios.

### Eligibility

This project is a national call to artists and is open to all professional artists who are residents of the United States. The ideal candidate/s for this project will have:

- Experience and expertise in any two and three-dimensional public art media for indoor or outdoor installation. Media must be durable, vandalism-resistant and easily maintained.
- Previous public art and design team experience and expertise are preferred.
- Public involvement and community interaction experience.
- Ability to successfully deal with public issues and concerns.

### **Project Budget**

The art budget is all-inclusive and will not exceed \$200,000 for the total project and must cover all expenses including:

- Design and fabrication of proposal(s) for presentation of concepts to the City Council, citizen advisory boards and staff.
- All costs, including supplies and materials, necessary for design, fabrication, footings and installation for completing this project. The artist will be responsible for all engineering fees as deemed necessary for final approval for installation of the artwork.
- Taxes and insurance.
- All costs for transportation for the artist, proposal and the artwork, including attendance at several public meetings and working with the City's staff.

### **Selection Process**

A selection panel will be convened to review all submissions meeting the application requirements and deadline. The artist will be selected on the basis of submission materials evidencing artistic quality of past work and experiences with similar public art projects. The panel may make a recommendation based upon preliminary submission materials or invite semifinalists to be interviewed and submit more detailed proposals. Once recommended by the panel, the City Council must approve the artist before the project may begin. The panel may recommend alternate artists for this project.

### **Deadline**

The following application materials are due and must be delivered by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009**. (This is not a postmark deadline.) Send attention to: Rex Gulbranson, Glendale Arts Commission, Glendale Public Library, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302.

### **Application Requirements**

Please submit **two, collated, three hole-punched** copies of a **statement, resume/contact information, and image list and public art projects list**. Materials should be held together with paperclips (**no staples or folders please**).

- A **statement** (not to exceed two pages) of interest, qualifications and project ideas.
- Current **resume** and **contact information** (not to exceed two pages). Be sure to include mailing address, telephone and FAX numbers, e-mail and website addresses.
- Portfolio **CD of 10 jpeg images** of completed representative work. Each image should be high quality Jpgs and should not exceed 2MB.1920 pixels on the longest side. 72 DPI is recommended.  
Image file should correspond to the annotated image list.
- An **image list** with the title, medium, dimensions, date completed and a short annotated description of the artwork pictured in each image.
- List of public art projects** currently underway or completed over the past three years including names of contacts, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. If new to public art, a list of references, including names of contacts, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

**Applications not meeting the application requirements will not be considered.**

#### **Estimated Timeline**

January 5, 2009. Submission deadline (This is not a postmark deadline)  
January, 2009 Panel review and selection plus notification  
February, 2009 Selected artist /Team approval by Arts Commission  
March, 2009 City Council Approval  
March, 2010 Project Completion

**For Additional Information:** contact Rex Gulbranson, Arts and Culture Administrator, City of Glendale, 5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302, 623-930-3520 (phone) or [rgulbranson@glendaleaz.com](mailto:rgulbranson@glendaleaz.com).

This Call to Artists does not commit the City to enter into an agreement, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal to this request or in subsequent negotiations, or to produce a contract for the project. It is City of Glendale policy to hold the copyright for public art. The City reserves the right to reject any or all applications, reissue the Call to Artists or procure any service by other means. The City is not responsible for loss of or damage to materials included with applications.