State of New Jersey Department of Health Building 2D Art Purchase

Short Description

The New Jersey Department of Health Building in Trenton is a newly constructed office building in the State Capital Complex, which will house the offices of the Department of Health. The State is seeking to purchase completed two-dimensional artwork for display in the new building. **This call is open only to New Jersey residents who are permanent residents of Mercer County, or maintain a permanent art studio address in Mercer County. Employees of the State of New Jersey are not eligible to submit for this call.**

The project seeks to acquire multiple completed, ready to install 2-dimensional artworks priced at or under $1000.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is managing this Public Art Inclusion process, serving its mission to facilitate the inclusion of art in every public building in New Jersey.

Long Call for Artists

Entry Deadline: **July 7, 2020 at 11:59 pm EMT**

Eligibility: This call is open only to New Jersey residents, age 18 or older, who are permanent residents of Mercer County, or maintain a permanent art studio address in Mercer County. Under N.J.S.A. 52:13D-19, employees of the State of New Jersey are not eligible to submit work for this procurement.

Requirements.

Media: Two-dimensional media (e.g., painting, photography, collage), framed, wired and gallery ready. Works on paper, photographs, collage, mixed-media and other fragile materials must be framed behind glass or plexiglas. Stretched canvas, or other non-fragile materials must be wired for hanging and framing strips or frames are preferred, but not required.

Style: There is no preferred style or technique of artwork. The Committee expects to purchase work with a variety of styles. However, as a State office building, artwork must be appropriate for display in a public setting where people of all ages and backgrounds can and will view the work. Work that is political, violent or sexual in nature is not appropriate and will not be considered.
Acquisition: The State of New Jersey is interested in purchasing completed artwork from artists who are Mercer-County residents or maintain a permanent art studio address in Mercer County, excluding State employees, for inclusion in the new State Department of Health Building in Trenton.

Submission: Artists may submit up to 6 images of completed art, ready for purchase (see dimension restrictions below). All submissions must be made through the call on www.callforentry.org by the deadline of July 7, 2020. Submissions will not be accepted via email or in hard copy.

Size: Please see site plan for the spaces and locations intended for purchased artwork. Final purchased pieces must be durably framed, behind glass or plexi, if appropriate, and ready to install. Due to space considerations, work must be no larger than a maximum size of 42” in any direction. Single works that consists of several pieces- diptychs or triptychs, for instance, should be noted and submitted as such.

Budget: Due to budget and compliance requirements, pieces submitted for consideration may cost no more than $1000 per piece. The State will not purchase any work that costs more than $1000, all inclusive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The new State of New Jersey Department of Health Building in Trenton is a newly constructed building located at 55 N. Willow St. in the Capital Complex in Trenton. This modern office building will primarily be used by New Jersey Department of Health office workers, with some limited public access.

The Art Selection committee, comprised of community members, State workers and arts experts, will select a number of completed two-dimensional artworks to purchase for display in the completed building’s elevator lobbies and other interior spaces.

Mercer County, New Jersey resident artists, or artists who maintain a permanent art studio address in Mercer County are encouraged to submit up to 6 images of completed, two-dimensional works for consideration by the arts inclusion committee. State of New Jersey employees are excluded from consideration for this call for artists.

Purchased works will be installed in the State Department of Health building, which will house public meeting spaces and administrative offices.
The project has a total purchase budget of $9,000, and intends to purchase multiple works from several artists to display in the building.

Process:
Below please find the planned schedule for this project. Due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis, it is possible that changes will be made to the timeline. However, every effort will be made to complete this project on schedule.

- This call for artists will accept artist submissions on callforentry.org until midnight on July 7, 2020. No submissions will be accepted after the deadline.

- The Art Selection Committee will review all submissions that meet the eligibility criteria, and vote on a shortlist of potential works.

- The last week of July all artists will be contacted and informed about the status of their submissions.

- The State Arts Council will contact all artists whose work has been shortlisted on or around July 31st with information about dropping off shortlisted works for in-person viewing by the committee. Not all shortlisted works will be purchased.

- On a to-be-determined date in August, the Art Selection committee will review, in person, the shortlisted works, and make final selections.

- After the in-person viewing, shortlisted artists will be contacted in regards to the final decision of the committee. All artwork viewed in person must be picked up by the artist; final purchase arrangements will be made and then delivery of purchased work will be arranged.

- All purchases will be subject to NJEDA’s procurement terms and conditions, available for review, here: https://www.njeda.com/Bidding-Opportunities-General/Bidding-Opportunities-Real-Estate-Procurement-Oppo. Any exceptions and/or revisions to the terms contained therein that the artist may have must be submitted to QARed@njeda.com by June 22, 2020 by 5:00pm EST with no exceptions or revisions allowed after that date. Compliance documents are not required for
purchases of $1,000 or less.

For technical assistance with the CAFÉ system and application process, please see CAFÉ help (https://www.callforentry.org/cafehelp.phtml) or contact CAFÉ technical support: cafe@westaf.org

For project specific questions, all questions must be received in writing. Please direct project specific questions to:

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Legal Statement:

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10.5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C 17:27, regarding Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Regulations. Respondents should be aware that responses to this RFQ will be available, upon request, for public inspection. The State Arts Council and the Economic Development Authority, as instrumentalities of the State of New Jersey, are subject to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A -1) and New Jersey Right to Know statutory law and case law.