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REQUEST FOR ARTIST QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS \$20,000 Available for Santa Monica City Yards Mural Project

The City of Santa Monica is seeking qualifications and written proposals from experienced artists for a significant community mural project. The location of the mural will be the wall of the Santa Monica City Yards. The mural's theme should address the activities that occur in this facility which houses the City's Electrical and Public Facilities Maintenance Division, Street Maintenance Division, Solid Waste Management, and other public works offices. The 443 foot long wall, faces Michigan Avenue, the primary entryway into the City's newest cultural center, Bergamot Station. Santa Monica invites artists to apply who wish to work collaboratively with a diverse group of youth in the design and execution of the mural project. \$20,000 is available for the entire project including all artist fees and materials but excluding youth wages.

Due to a limit on the number of hours that youth can work for the City of Santa Monica, this project must be completed by January 1 in order for the youth who initiated the project to be able to fully participate in its execution. For that reason, the submission deadline for applicants is very tight on this request for qualifications. It also requires that work on the mural begin by early fall, 1995.

A selection committee composed of artists and arts professionals will review all submissions and then choose five artists based on evidence of past work and their proposed process to involve the youth in the production of the Santa Monica City Yards Mural. These finalists will then be interviewed by the selection panel which will make a final recommendation of an artist for this project.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- * A written statement about relevant previous professional experience working with youth on similar projects. This statement should act as a proposal for the process envisioned to include youth in design and production of the Santa Monica City Yards Mural Project.
- * 10 slides of relevant past work, placed in a 9" X 11" plastic slide sheet. All slides must be labeled with artist's name, title, date, dimensions, with TOP indicated. number each slide corresponding to the separate annotated slide sheet.
- * A separate annotated sheet identifying and describing the slides.
- * A self-addressed stamped envelope if slides are wished to be returned. *No renderings or actual mural proposals are being requested.* The mural image and content is to develop out of the working process with the youth and community.

DEADLINE

Send application packets to: Santa Monica City Yards Mural Project, Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 106, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Packets must be received by **5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 1995**. No late or incomplete proposals will be accepted. For additional information please call 310/458.8350.