

## Monroe County Art in Public Places

**Call to Artists & Request for Qualifications/RFQ** *RFQ-ART-277-088-2006-PUR/CV* (re-advertised)

### Key West Airport Renovation Monroe County, Florida

**Deadline October 4, 2006 3:00 p.m.**

RFQ accessed thru Demandstar-Onvia by calling (800)711-1712 or [www.demandstar.com](http://www.demandstar.com) or [www.monroecounty-fl.gov](http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov) or [www.keysarts.com](http://www.keysarts.com)

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#### *THE ARTS IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM*

Monroe County Art in Public Places (AIPP) committee is a county appointed advisory board responsible for the commission and purchase of art by contemporary artists in any media. The Monroe County Art in Public Places Ordinance mandates 1% of new county building construction costing a minimum of \$500,000 and renovations costing a minimum of \$100,000 be set aside to fund this program. A five member committee appointed by the County Commission plus two non-voting members appointed by the county administrator pre-qualifies, reviews, and recommends projects to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The Monroe County Art in Public Places is administered through the Florida Keys Council of the Arts (FKCA).

#### *BUDGET*

The construction budget is undetermined at present, but will be available at the time that RFP's are sent out. Designs that are integral to the structure may utilize a portion of the construction budget allotted for that particular building component. The selected Artist is required to gain approval of the integrated Art and work closely with the Project Architect, Contractor and Construction Team.

#### *PROJECT HISTORY*

Aviation history for Monroe County began in Key West in 1913 when Augustin Parla flew a bi-wing seaplane to Muriel, Cuba. The US Navy dredged a seaplane base at Trumbo in 1917, also used for dirigibles during World War I. In May 1918, a two-motored Navy seaplane flew to Cuba. Aviation history was made when the first commercial international flight from Key West to Havana took place, making Key West the first international airport in the country. Aeromarine Airways was the first commercial airline to use Key West followed by Pan American on January 6, 1928. Pan Am moved to Miami in 1934, but reinstated service to Key West after the 1935 hurricane. The Key West Airport Terminal was located at the southeast portion of Key West Island on July 1, 1957. The Key West Airport is the arrival destination for the majority of visitors to the southernmost point of the United States. Several major air carriers schedule regular service to the Key West Airport. These include US Airways, Delta, American and other airlines.



**Key West International Airport building 1960**

#### *BUILDING*

Preliminary Sketch courtesy of URS



The new airport terminal, elevated parking areas, and grounds have been designed by URS. The original terminal will be remodeled and a new metal hip roof added. The airport has an existing permanent collection of artwork as well as revolving art exhibits.

#### *SITE DESCRIPTION*

The airport is located on South Roosevelt Boulevard (south A1A) directly across from the Atlantic Ocean. The pine park area and the adjacent grounds of the East Martello Fort will be renovated and a park named for well-respected and nationally known local folk artist Mario Sanchez will be installed.

## *SITE DESCRIPTION con't.*

Designed after the coastal Martello watchtowers in Italy, the Fort East Martello was never completed and never saw hostile action. Its outer bulwark and inner citadel with eight-foot thick granite walls were built during the Civil War era. The citadel and courtyard are home to a vast collection of Key West and Key's artifacts and historical records as well a military memorabilia. The view from the top of the central tower affords visitors a spectacular panorama of the Atlantic coast of Key West. It is the best-preserved example of the Martello style of military architecture in the country.



## *ART SELECTION*

This is a 2-step process. Step 1– Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Step 2– Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent out to qualified applicants. If qualified, artists will be requested to develop proposals based on their evaluation of project and site opportunities. In collaboration with the artists, the county and the project architect will provide all pertinent project information, which may include suggested general locations. AIPP will furnish artists with apportioned budgets accordingly. The total amount shall not exceed the stipulated total allotted per project for public art. Artists are encouraged to develop proposals for alternate spaces, and AIPP reserves the right to include such proposals in the review and selection process. The artists may make use of exterior and interior materials such as landscape, site furnishings, column cladding, flooring material, furniture, glazing, and lighting.

## *APPLICATION PROCESS- REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)*

Artists who wish to be considered must submit all the following materials:

1. Proof of previously completed large-scale public/private commissions (maximum ten 35mm slides, photographs or digital images JPG or TIFF on (1) IBM compatible CD)
2. Other recent work (maximum ten - 35mm slides, photographs or digital images JPG or TIFF on (1) IBM compatible CD)
3. Signed letter of Interest (one page maximum) stating interest in project, outline artist's approach to public art, and relevant past experience
4. Current professional resume – teams must submit one resume for each team member

**Include:** name of artist(s), address, telephone, email (if available), title of work, media, size, location of artwork, image name or slide/corresponding number and any other relevant information.

Artists must substantiate successful completion of large scale contract(s) and project(s) within the past 10 years in the public and/or private sector. AIPP Committee will select the artists to receive Requests for Proposals (RFP). Additionally, artists whose current materials are pre-qualified for previous projects with the FKCA will receive RFPs for future projects for five (5) years. It is the artists' responsibility to notify FKCA of mail and e-mail address changes. Prequalification is valid for a period of five (5) years.

## *APPLICATION DEADLINE for REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)*

All required materials must be received by **October 4, 2006 3:00 p.m. EST** at which time they will be opened. Include two (2) signed originals and five (5) copies of the letter of interest (for a total of 7) and six (6) copies of the resume in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside "**Sealed materials for RFQ for Art in Public Places, Monroe County Key West Airport Renovation**" addressed and delivered to: **Monroe County Purchasing Department, 1100 Simonton Street # 1- 213, Key West, FL 33040**. Any materials received after the deadline stated above will automatically be rejected. Materials may be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested; hand-delivered or couriered. Faxed, emailed or incomplete applications will be disqualified. All responses must remain valid for a period of ninety (90) days. The BOCC will automatically reject the application of any person or affiliate who appears on the convicted vendor list prepared by the Department of General Services, State of Florida, under Sec. 287.133(3) (d), FS (1997).

## *SELECTION PROCESS AND TIMELINE*

Artists will be advised of the final date for recommendation to the BOCC if and when they are sent a Request for Proposal (RFP). RFP Finalists may be required to present to the BOCC at its monthly meeting. The artist(s) will have at least ninety (90) days to execute and complete their work to coincide with the completion date of the project. No original art will be accepted for review in the RFQ application process. Materials will not be returned to the applicant without prior pre-paid shipping. Persons selected to receive an RFP will not have application materials returned, nor will there be any refund of pre-paid shipping.

## *SELECTION CRITERIA APPLICABLE to RFP*

- Exceptional Quality (20 points)
- Enduring Value and Maintenance (20 points)
- Appropriateness to Site (20 points)
- Character and Environment of the Florida Keys (20 points)
- 20 points out of a possible total 100 are allotted to artists that reside in the Florida Keys.

A contract approved by the County Attorney's office must be executed by the artist. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all applicants, to waive informalities in any and all responses, to re-advertise, and to separately accept or reject any response and to award and/or negotiate a contract in the best interest of the County.