



Oklahoma Capitol Complex and Centennial Commemoration Commission

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RE: Oklahoma African American History Plaza
Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services

The submission period for the Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services has been extended to April 7, 2006. Firms that previously submitted qualifications are not required to resubmit, however, they may submit additional materials to supplement the original information. All materials must be submitted in 8 ½" x 11" format.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Oklahoma Centennial Commemoration Commission is issuing a Request for Qualifications for an architectural firm to provide professional services for development of an Oklahoma African American History Plaza to be located at the Oklahoma State Capitol Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The proposed plaza site is in a highly visible location on a 2.03 acre site at 18th and Lincoln Boulevard on the North median of 18th Street. The Oklahoma State Capitol is at 2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard. The plaza will be a focal point of the main boulevard as you approach the Capitol Complex from the South and is adjacent to the South parking lot of the State Capitol.

The Centennial Commission has also issued a Request for Qualifications for an artist to create artwork for the plaza. The artistic component(s) of the plaza will be permanent art reflecting the contributions and significant roles that African Americans have played in Oklahoma history.

The goal of the project is to create an environment of respect, contemplation and education. Because of the high visibility of the location, it is vitally important for there to be unity within the site among the plaza, landscaping and artwork.

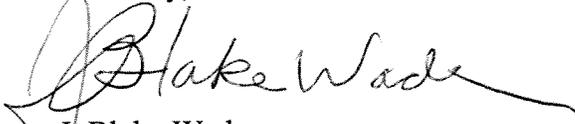
The total plaza budget is estimated at \$4 million (including all costs for art and architecture design, fabrication, installation, landscaping and construction). The budget is contingent on state appropriations and private fund raising and will be adjusted, as necessary.

If your firm is interested in providing the needed professional services, please respond in writing prior to 4:00 p.m., March 3, 2006. Your response must include unaltered DCS/CAP Forms 254 and 255 (forms are available at www.dcs.ok.gov) and should contain the following basic information: 1) a statement outlining the experience of your firm with projects of this scope and type, which provides specific examples including the names of the projects, the dates completed and client references; 2) the names and qualifications of staff members who will be assigned to the project should your firm be selected; 3) other consultants you would propose to include on your team; and 4) the ability of your firm to commence work immediately upon selection. Please provide (5) copies of all materials submitted.

The Selection Committee will review applicants' submissions and then select up to five finalists for interviews. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application no later than March 15, 2006. Interviews will be held in mid to late March. The target date of completion for the plaza is May 2007. This selection will be made in accordance with Title 61, Oklahoma Statutes Section 62.

Site maps, photos and plaza themes can be found at www.dcs.ok.gov. If you have questions about the scope of work, the schedule or other aspects of the project, please contact Amy Weaver at 405.228.2003 or aweaver@oklahomacentennial.com.

Sincerely,



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