

First Indiana Plaza - Request for Proposals (RFP)

Overview:

First Indiana Plaza is interested in supporting our state's cultural development as well as drawing culturally minded businesses to our state and their executive and retail spaces.

The owners of First Indiana Plaza are requesting proposals for a work of public art to be installed in front of their recessed entrance at Pennsylvania and Ohio streets in downtown Indianapolis.

This is the first piece of public art for this business group and they are interested in having a highly visible signature piece that has sophistication, impact, and the ability to become a signature piece for the building. The intent is to pay an artist a fee for a two year loan of this work.

Location Description:

The exterior entrance of First Indiana Plaza located at the south-east corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets. Works may be considered for installation either underneath the overhang of the building where there is already some overhead lighting or out in the 12 x 12 feet area beyond the overhang.



Site Specifications & Requirements:

- Height of the exterior overhang ceiling: 35 feet
- Weight Limit: 2,000 lbs
- The artwork shall be made of materials and secured to endure all weather conditions with little maintenance during the two year loan.
- The artwork shall not:
 - Encroach upon the minimum usable walkway width of the sidewalks.
 - Contain movable parts within the reach of pedestrians and should not move so rapidly as to be distracting to drivers.
 - Contain text that could be understood as commercial advertising.
 - Include flashing lights, strobes, or fire elements.

Budget:

\$5000 - Artist fee for the delivery and installation of an artwork with a two-year loan agreement.

Proposed Timeline: *Deadline for the submissions is July 30th, 2004.*

Late-August 2004 Notification of finalists
September 2004 Installation & Dedication

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have their primary residence in the State of Indiana and be 18 years of age or older.
- Applicants must be able to deliver and install the selected work and provide maintenance instructions.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following for the Selection Committee's consideration:

- Current resume and Artist Statement (typed and no longer than 200 words).
- No more than 6 slides or digital jpeg images per artist of artwork suitable and available for consideration and installation at this site.
- Description list that clearly corresponds with the images and provides title, date of execution, medium, dimensions, and maintenance needs along with any other pertinent descriptive information.
- Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage so that your materials may be returned to you.

Selection Process

Qualification review and final selection will be made by the owners and managers of the First Indiana Plaza with the facilitation and advisement of Mindy Taylor Ross, Independent Art Consultant and Public Art Project Coordinator for the Arts Council of Indianapolis.

Selection Criteria

- Submission of complete and professional materials that adhere to application requirements.
- Submission of innovative creative work that will impact and visible to the public.
- Appropriateness for this exterior site including but not limited to indicated site specifications and requirements and considerations to pedestrian and vehicular safety.
- Strength and clarity of Artist Statement.
- Record of projects exhibiting innovation, creativity, and excellent workmanship.

Submissions should be sent to:

Arts Council of Indianapolis
Attn: Mindy
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-3040

Contact Mindy Taylor Ross at 317-624-0242 or email mross@indyarts.org with questions.