



RFPS (Request for Professional Services)

SECTION I: For <u>Purchase Department</u> only:	
DATE:	2/15/2021
RFPS CLOSING DATE/TIME:	2/26/2021
QUESTION DEADLINE:	2/22/2021 4:00 PM
SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO:	rjfanton@buffaloschools.org

SECTION II: To be completed by Department requesting services:

NAME OF PROJECT OR SERVICES REQUESTED: Call for an Artist- Outdoor Mural at Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction

CONTACT PERSON AND DEPARTMENT: Marianne Dixon, Office of School Leadership

SOLICITATION REFERENCE NUMBER (use requisition number): 3104915

a) INTRODUCTION:

The Honorable Arthur O. Eve School of Distinction #61 is issuing a call for a mural artist to design and install an outdoor mural at 453 Leroy Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215. The mural will be on the Grider Street side of the building facing Kensington Avenue. We are looking for a design that is aesthetically engaging focusing on the legacy of the Honorable Arthur O. Eve and the school's focus on the Arts.

b) SCOPE OF WORK / PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND DELIVERABLES:

The mural should include:

A physical representation of Arthur O. Eve

Reference to reading, that should include images of children

Reference to higher education and our young people graduating from Higher Ed Institutions

The school mascot, which is a butterfly

The mural will be 9' wide by 18' tall and painted on six (6) 36" x72" Solid core aluminum composite panels (ACP).

3 panels wide (108")

3 panels tall (216")



c) TERM OF AGREEMENT:
3.1.2021- 6.30.2021

d) QUALIFICATIONS:

Artist selection will be based on artistic merit and managerial capability using the following criteria:

Artist:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the unique consideration of exterior murals painted on ACP panels and mounted on brick.
- Adaptability with the collaborative process of design
- Availability to meet all deadlines
- Proof of Liability Insurance

Artist Work:

- Quality and strength of past work as demonstrated in the submitted samples
- Ability to create a unique and engaging artwork appropriate in concept

Deadline:

Submit following materials by March 30, 2021 to insert email

1. Contact Information and Website
2. Mural Design as a jpeg (300 dpi)
3. Three Past Work Samples, jpegs (max 300 dpi)
4. Artist Bio and/or Artistic Resume
5. Past teaching experience

Pay:

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. If the Board of Education decides to engage in the services of any proposal, a professional services contract must be executed by the District. Absolutely no services may be delivered absent a professional services contract AND an official Board of Education purchase order. [Revised 02.06.2019]

A commission will be paid to the chosen artist based on the budget submitted for review and consideration. This fee includes but is not limited to; meeting(s) with mural committee, final drawings, detailed list of supplies needed for project, transportation of materials to the site, installation and completion of the mural, application of protective coating.

Notifications :

Mural Artist Selection Panel will review the applications and may choose to interview several candidates. The selected artist will be notified by March 17, 2021

e) PROPOSAL PRESENTATION:

Submit following materials by February 28, 2021 to insert email

1. Contact Information and Website
2. Mural Design as a jpeg (300 dpi)
3. Three Past Work Samples, jpegs (max 300 dpi)
4. Artist Bio and/or Artistic Resume

Pay:

A commission will be paid to the chosen artist based on the budget submitted for review and consideration. This fee includes but is not limited to; meeting(s) with mural committee, final drawings, detailed list of supplies needed for project, transportation of materials to the site, installation and completion of the mural, application of protective coating.

Question and Answers:

Where exactly will the mural be on the building?

Panels to be installed on the building facade facing Kensington Avenue. Depending on the complexity of design you may propose to address panels. It will be up to the individual artist to determine how many panels should be used.

How big are the panels?

Panels are 36' x72". It is anticipated that 3 panels wide (108") and

3 panels tall (216") will be used to create the 9'x18' mural.

Panels are made of solid core aluminum composite (ACP). Durable, water resistant construction with solid core prevents bowing, warping, swelling and delamination. Flat, smooth surface ready for paint, inks, vinyl letters and more.

What do you mean by the Honorable Arthur O. Eve and the school's art theme?

Born in New York City on March 23, 1933, Arthur O. Eve was raised in Florida. He received an associate degree from Erie Community College and a Bachelor of Science from West Virginia State College. With less than \$10 in his pocket he arrived in Buffalo, NY in 1953 as a product of the segregated South. He served in the United States Army from 1953-1955 and achieved the rank of corporal. After his service in the army he returned to Buffalo in 1955. During his first job back, he became aware of the drug problems with local youths in the city's parks and observed a lack of guidance for youth in the community. In pursuing a position in parks and recreation, he learned that these jobs were doled out by political patronage to party loyalists. He joined the Democratic Party and received a job in the parks. By 1958, he was blossoming as an independent activist within the party, pursuing minority rights. This role led to his 1966 New York State Assembly election victory.

Eve was elected a New York State Assemblyman in 1966 and served in the New York State Assembly longer than any other incumbent member (1967-1982, 1983-2002). Eve rose to prominence in the mid-1960s during Buffalo's civil disturbances. He expanded his notability during the Attica Prison Riots. In Buffalo's Civil Rights Movement riots, Eve attempted to organize formal meetings to avert physical confrontations. During his first term he led the effort to obtain \$500,000 in funding to establish the State University of New York system's SEEK/Educational Opportunity Program.

Eve is recognized as a leader on just about every issue that's important to families. Many believe that during his career of public service Eve has done more to initiate opportunities for minorities and the economically disadvantaged in the field of educational opportunity, undergraduate and graduate education, medical degrees, pre-natal, day care and infant care than any other state legislator in the nation. He is a life member of the NAACP, founder and former Chairman of the Board of the Northern Region Black Political Caucus and former Chairman of the New York State Chapter of the National Rainbow Coalition. He is the recipient of numerous awards and citations from an array of local, state and national organizations. Eve was the first African American to win the Democratic Party's Buffalo Mayoral primary election. During his time in office he was considered the highest ranking African American in the New York State Legislature.

Does the artist pay for paint, supplies or materials?

No, paint, supplies and materials will be provided (Artist must provide a list of supplies to be ordered and picking up items)

Do I really need Liability Insurance?

Yes

What if we want to paint on wood and install panels in the insets?

The budget may or may not allow, alternative ideas should be proposed and explanations on why the extra cost would be advantageous to the final look explained.

Will I be applying the protective coating when the mural is finished?

Yes, with supplies provided.

Questions? Contact Marianne Dixon at mdixon@buffaloschools.org

SECTION III: To be completed by Prospective Contractor:

Company Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Contact Person:		
E-mail Contact (required):		

COMPANY IDENTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE:

Indicate Which: Corporation Partnership Sole Prop.

Minority Owned/Controlled Business: Yes No Small Business: Yes No

List the names and address of all persons having an ownership interest of 3% or more in the Company:
(Attach more sheets if necessary)

Name:
Address:
FID #:

- The Offeror: is [or] is not [check one] aware of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organizational conflict of interest with an employee or agent of the Buffalo Board of Education organization.
- COLLUSION: I certify that this submission is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting an offer for the same services, materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of the State and Federal law and may result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.
- I hereby certify that the responses to the above representations and statements are accurate and complete. I agree to abide by all conditions of this RFPs and certify that I am authorized to sign for the Offeror.
- No member of the Board of Education, or any employee of the Buffalo Public Schools, or the spouse or any other relative who reside in the same household as any of the foregoing, may be a consultant or sub-consultant in connection with any proposal, or have a personal interest therein. Any and all existences of relationships must be disclosed with submission of this proposal, whether they be familial, fraternal, informal etc.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

DETAILED COSTS OF PROPOSAL - *The BPS will not be responsible for charges not included in this cost proposal. Please list all charges below or attach sheet:*

REFERENCES - *Please list any references below or attach sheet:*