

CALL FOR ARTIST OR ARTIST TEAM

Request for Qualifications

Artwork Opportunity

The City of Bellingham is seeking an artist or artist team to design, fabricate and install an artistic fence and possibly a new gate as part of an expansion to the water treatment plant located at 1720 Silver Beach Road, Bellingham, WA (Parcel number 380328177195) near Whatcom Falls Park in Bellingham, WA.

\$170,000 is available for design, materials, fabrication and installation of the artwork.

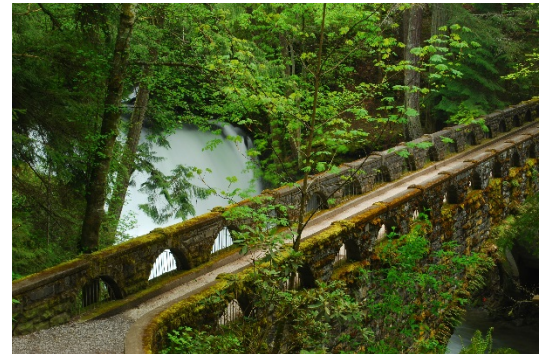
Submission Due Date: August 12, 2016 by 5pm

Submit to:

City of Bellingham
Bellingham Arts Commission
Attn: Shannon Taysi
210 Lottie Street
Bellingham, WA 98225
360-778-8360
staysi@cob.org

Background

Set in a wooded area with nearby waterfalls and trails, the water treatment plant is adjacent to one of the most beautiful parks in Bellingham. Whatcom Falls Park is as visually beautiful as it is family-friendly. There are three and a half miles of trail throughout the park, many wind through the forest with some overlooking the creek gorge and still pools. A section of the trail runs parallel to this project.



The City's One Percent for the Arts program dedicates one percent of large capital project budgets for the incorporation of artwork. The inclusion of artwork in public places reinforces the City's status as a regional arts destination, increases quality of life and attracts tourism and visitors to the area. The primary goal of this project is to create an area of interest between the water treatment plant and adjacent public trail by enhancing the aesthetics of the fence and possibly the gate. The City's Arts Commission is interested in pieces that reflect the natural setting of the area. Other considerations should be that the artwork fits in well within the context of the site and considers existing architectural elements of the current and new building and trail system.

Description of Project and Site

The existing water treatment plant facility was built in 1968. The proposed pretreatment facility will add a second building and require a new fence and gate in a new location.



The opportunity for the new art fence runs 300' along the N side of the site access road adjacent to a new trail along Whatcom Creek. The access road is in a forested area of Whatcom Falls Park with public parking and existing trails. The fence panels are 7'h by 8'w and should meet the structural/security requirements similar to chain-link fence. The proposed gate opening is approximately 20'w and can be either a dual door or slide style. The gate may be electric with a keypad and motion sensor.

Required Qualifications

The selected professional artist or artist team will develop, fabricate and install a fence and potential gate at the describe site. To be considered for this Request for Qualifications, the artist or team must meet the following criteria:

- Experience in design and installation of artwork in the public realm, preferably work on larger capital projects for government agency(s);
- The ability to furnish all supplies, materials and equipment necessary for the design, execution, fabrication, transportation and installation of the fence and gate at the site
- The willingness to provide professional documentation photos at conclusion of the project.
- The ability to provide proof of required insurance and an endorsement listing the City as additional insured during the duration of the project. Coverage shall include but is not limited to:
 - Workers Compensation Statutory Amount
 - Automobile Liability \$1,000,000
 - Broad Form Comprehensive Liability \$1,000,000/occurrence
\$2,000,000 aggregate
 - And, an endorsement listing the City as additionally insured.
- Ability to perform the requested work within the timeline outlined below

Project Timeline

August 12, 2016	Request for qualifications deadline
September 2, 2016	Semi-finalists contacted
October 21, 2016	Deadline for semi-finalist submittals
November 14, 2016	Final artist/artist team announced

December 2016
Early June 2017
September 2017

Contract complete
Installation
Building complete/celebration

Selection Process

- Jury will select no more than four semi-finalists from Request for Qualification submittals.
- Semi-finalists will receive a packet of specifications regarding site locations, design criteria and any design limitations or requirements.
- The semi-finalists will be requested to submit a conceptual idea for consideration.
- Selected semi-finalists will receive a stipend of \$2000 for travel and design fees following the submission and presentation of a design proposal.
- Jury will select the final proposal and enter into a contract with the selected artist/team.

To Apply

Application materials must include:

- Letter of interest that addresses your approach to this public art project
- Resume(s), include name, address, phone number, e-mail address and website for all members of the team, along with descriptions of previous work and/or relevant employment
- Description of previous public art installations
- Color digital images of previous relevant work with annotated image descriptions
- Two professional references (each team member will need to provide)

Materials must be received by 5:00PM, Friday August 12, 2016. E-mail all materials to staysi@cob.org or send to 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225. If you choose to mail your materials the images must be on a PC compatible CD or DVD. (CD's & DVD's will not be returned to the artist)

Please keep in mind this is a Request for Qualifications only, not a request for proposals or art projects. Specific fence proposals will be requested of the semi-finalists selected through this process.

The City of Bellingham promotes equal opportunity and shall not discriminate against any person based upon race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, nationality or disability.