

Call for Sculpture Artist
Request for Proposal for Elevation of Okemos Commissioned
Permanent Art Installation

The Project

Elevation Okemos is located at 3595 Jolly Oak Road, Okemos, Mich. 48864. This request is for a permanently installed sculpture piece that will be located at the central traffic circle of the community. Elevation is described as a “modern mountain” themed community located in Meridian Township.

PROJECT TIMELINE (May 1, 2019-October 31, 2019)

Issue Call for Artists RFQ: **May 1, 2019**

Submittal Deadline: **June 15, 2019**

Finalists Selection and Notification: **July 1, 2019**

Finalists Site Visit and Interviews: **July 15th-19th, 2019**

Finalists Full and Complete Proposals Due: **August 15th, 2019**

Finalists In-Person Presentations (if necessary): **August 28th, 2019**

Artist Chosen: **September 13th, 2019**

Artist Contracting Process: **September 13th- October 14th, 2019**

Fabrication and Installation: **March, 2020**

Project Completion and Unveiling: **April, 2020***

*If the selected piece is already fabricated the installation and unveiling could happen fall of 19 after contract completion.

Project Budget

The project budget is not to exceed \$20,000. Payment for Materials upon award of the contract not to exceed 50% of total budget, and 50% upon installation of the completed piece.

Project Intent

Elevation is seeking a sculpture piece that will become iconic with the community and provide a sense of arrival to the project. The piece will be displayed at the

central convergence of automobile, pedestrian, and bicycle pathways within the community. It will also be a landmark for the Meridian Township pathway system trailhead being constructed in the community.

Considerations in Design

- Provide a distinctive aesthetic experience both highly visible and welcoming to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists from 365 degrees.
- Create a signature presence for the community, while engaging the broad community as a whole.
- Be an original art piece appropriate for outdoor installation able to stand up to severe weather, easily cleaned from vandalism, graffiti etc, and be adequately and safely displayed and secured.
- Consider site limitations. Ground space on the site is limited and will require the selected artist(s) to consider the site's limitations and the art element placement previously determined by the site engineer. The design of the artwork will be freestanding in the traffic circle.
- No water elements or pieces with motors requiring any fuel sources will be considered.

Site Information

Elevation's vision is providing a new experience for living from traditional leasing projects. Creating a better experience for living is our focus. The community features health and wellness businesses as part of the project giving community members access to these facilities and has several indoor and outdoor gathering spaces. The local trail systems are being extended through the property providing connections across the region. A trailhead connected to the commercial space will provide a spot for people in the region to access the trails and enjoy amenities such as the parks and provide easy access to the many restaurants and shops in the immediate vicinity.

The site when completed will contain almost 400 residential units and a mixture of commercial and green park amenities. The site is bordered with hotels and several commercial and professional offices buildings that will access the public park and trail locations located within the community.

More information and the feel of the community can be found at
<https://www.elevationokemos.com/>.

See Attached Site plan for pictures, location, and dimension of project location.

Eligibility

The Request for Proposal is open to established professional artists living in the Greater Lansing Region (Eaton, Clinton, and Ingham counties). Only professional artists with reviewable portfolios are eligible to apply. The Commissioned Artist(s) will provide a proposal or submit a current original piece fitting the site-specificifications, and is a durable piece for this outdoor installation. Applicants who will be considered for this project will show a proven ability to fabricate their own work or to work with fabricators and installers. The artwork for this site must reflect the Project Intent as described above. The Commissioned Artist(s) will be required to provide evidence of appropriate liability, property damage, and workers compensation insurance while working on the site.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

In addition to the PROJECT LEADERSHIP, representatives from Arts Council of Greater Lansing and Meridian Township EDC, will serve on the review committee to select the finalist based on the materials submitted. The selection of the finalists will be based on the following criteria:

- Artist's consideration of and experience in creating artwork of this size and scope.
- Artist's professional experience represents a developed and successful body of site-specific public art projects of similar scope as demonstrated by visual documentation.
- Ability to understand the sense of place and design in a context sensitive manner as demonstrated by visual documentation.
- Willingness of the artist to consult and work with the design and construction teams to successfully integrate the work into the site and meet any construction requirements, schedules and deadlines.
- Ensure that the artwork will be of a permanent nature, does not require excessive maintenance or repair costs and meets public safety issues and Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Application Process

Artists interested in applying will please submit the following:

Proposed Artwork Concept This proposal shall include conceptual design drawings, sketches, or concept renderings sufficient to communicate the artist concept. It should include a budget and describe the specifications for the artwork related to materials, size, approximate weight, installation requirements, and maintenance guidelines.

Artist's Statement Please provide a statement regarding the theme of the work and/or your artistic philosophy in design. Also, please provide any other relevant statements you feel should be considered in your proposal.

References Please provide references from past groups or clients you have worked with.

Work Samples Please provide a portfolio of work previously completed that you think to provide a good representation of you as an artist.

Contact: Bonnie Zhang, bonnie@taforsberg.com, 517.349.9330

Website: www.lansingrealestate.com

Selection Process

Final selection of the piece will be made by ownership after a period of 15 days of community feedback has been completed.

Selection will be based on consideration theme, design aesthetics, community feedback, durability, budget, and the expected delivery date of the piece.

ARTIST'S COMMISSIONED WORK AGREEMENT

The selected artist/team will enter into a two-party Agreement between Okemos Pointe, LLC, and the artist/team to complete a transfer of ownership. The selected artist/team will be required to provide General Liability and other insurance as specified in the Agreement.

Submittal

All submissions can be made electronically or delivered in person to
TA Forsberg Inc.
2422 Jolly Road Ste 200

Okemos Mi 48864
Office: 517-349-9330
Bonnie@taforsberg.com

Any site visits requested can be made by calling the office or emailing Bonnie Zhang. We would be excited to show you the site and talk in more detail with any questions.

Okemos Pointe, LLC, reserves the right to reject any or all applications, to reissue the Call for Entries, or to terminate the selection process or project at any time without prior notice.



Elevation Site Plan

