

HAINES BOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/CALL FOR CONCEPTS

Site: Haines Borough Public Library
Deadline: February 6, 2009, 5 p.m.
Submit to: Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk
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In accordance with Haines Borough Code 3.60-3.60.220, and Alaska Statute 36.05, the Haines Borough Public Library is requesting concept proposals for the creation of a totem pole to be commissioned for the Haines Borough Public Library building in Haines, Alaska.

PROJECT/SITE INFORMATION

Located at 111 Third Avenue South in Haines, Alaska, the Haines Borough public Library Building was built in 2003. This totem pole project will be created using traditional and/or contemporary Tlingit carving in a cedar log 18-24 feet in length. While creating the totem, the artist will be required to include teaching adults and youth the art, value, and process of carving a Tlingit totem pole. The project will tell the story of the library through culturally appropriate artwork using Tlingit symbols and figures. The pole will be raised on the grounds of the Haines Borough Public Library. This pole should reflect the culture of the Chilkat Valley and the history of the library, while complementing the architecture and materials of the current structure.

BUDGET

The amount of the commission must cover all costs of design, log acquisition and transportation, carving, painting, fabrication, tools, instruction, insurance, and raising of the totem pole. State and Borough laws related to public construction, including licensing, insurance, bonding, and payment of prevailing wages apply.

ART SELECTION COMMITTEE

The art selection committee will be made up of no fewer than 4 members of the Haines Borough Public Library Board of Trustees which includes Heather Lende, chair; Anne Marie Palmieri, vice-chair; Ed Hays, treasurer; James Alborough, secretary; Cheri Price, board member; Cecily Stern, board member; Song Nash, board member; Dick Flegel, board member; JoAnn Ross-Cunningham, board member; Nannette Miller, library director.

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TIMELINE

February 2009	Proposals submitted.
March 2009	Finalists submit fully developed proposals.
April 2009	Contract issued.
April 2009	Log is transported to Haines.
May 2009	Carving/Instruction begins.
August 2009	Carving is complete.
September 2009	Totem pole is raised.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection criteria will include:

- Quality, appropriateness, and originality of artist's concept.
- Durability, maintenance, and safety considerations related to design and materials.
- Quality of artist's past work.
- Community involvement in the process.
- Artist's past educational/civic involvement.

CONCEPT/PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

In order for artists to submit ideas without costly preparation and labor, the selection committee is asking for conceptual sketches. Artists are invited to submit one or more concept sketches for the project.

Each entry must include:

1. A thumbnail sketch (copy collage, handwritten notes are all acceptable) including notes which must be contained on one side of a sheet of paper no larger than 11" X 17" describing location, dimensions, materials, colors and approximate budget.
 2. No more than ten images of previous art work numbered and labeled with a corresponding description sheet.
 3. A current resume no more than four pages.
- Do not submit two-sided copies.
 - Remember that these are designed to be ideas and concepts, not fully produced proposals. The thumbnail sketches are designed to encourage more ideas to be submitted without consuming a lot of the artist's time.
 - The 11 X 17 sketch review will be set up to allow the committee to review and compare all submissions. From these concepts, a limited number of artists will be asked to submit formal proposals outlining materials, installation, budget and schedule.

Entries must be received in the office of the Borough Clerk by 5:00 p.m. February 6, 2009. Please send package to:

Haines Borough Clerk's Office
Attention: Julie Cozzi
P.O. Box 1209
103 Third Avenue S.
Haines, Alaska 99827

