

## **MEMORANDUM**

Council Agenda Item No. VII.M. 11/8/2016

## The City of **OKLAHOMA CITY**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Call to Artists to be advertised, pre-qualified artist pool for public art projects under \$25,000.

Purpose

The Pre Qualified Artist Pool is a vetted portfolio of artists and their work for consideration for upcoming public art projects with budgets under \$25,000.

The pool is useful in three ways:

- Educates local artists on the selection process and introduces them to published 1% for Art opportunities
- Provides an online tool to help the private sector identify artists and styles of public artwork available to them
- Streamlines application and selection process for City, trust and authority projects

Budgets under \$25,000 are inclusive of design fees, fabrication, permitting, design review, installation, insurance provisions, and all other costs associated with public artwork.

The pool will be published from Febuary 2017 through January 2020, after a recommendation from the Oklahoma City Arts Commission.

Background

A pre-qualified artist pool has been in place for the past two years and has been helpful in expediting the selection process for 1% for Art projects with smaller budgets, in providing greater exposure for local artists qualified to undertake public art projects, and with the Arts Liaison's technical assistance work, where the pre-qualified pool is used to seed ideas and identify artists who wish to work on neighborhood, commercial district, school, and private development public art projects.

Receipt Date Proposal Receipt Date: December 20, 2016, 4:00:00 P.M. CST.

Review Planning Department

Recommendation: Call to Artists be approved and the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for proposals..