

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

### Call for Artists

#### Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Art Design, Creation, and Delivery of SportsPlex Entrance Plaza Statue(s)

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the City of Columbia, Mississippi until 3:00pm on June 14, 2022, in the board room at City Hall, 201 Second Street, Columbia, Mississippi, from established professional artists living in Mississippi to design, create, deliver, and supervise installation by others of a life size statue or statues for the SportsPlex Baseball/Softball Entrance Plaza. The new baseball/softball facility will be the centerpiece of the new multi-sport complex. The entrance plaza will commemorate the historical significance of the merger of two local recreational leagues coming together to play at one location. The entrance plaza will serve as a reminder of the progress made around racial harmony while serving as motivation to continue this effort into the future. The addition to the entrance plaza of a statue or statues illustrating the story of the two local leagues coming together into one unified league is the purpose of the SportsPlex Baseball/Softball Entrance Plaza Project.

Proposals should be addressed to:

Mayor Justin McKenzie  
City of Columbia, MS  
201 Second Street  
Columbia, Mississippi 39429

Direct all questions to Mayor Justin McKenzie, at (601) 736-8201. All proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria outlined in this RFP. The Columbia Board of Aldermen reserve the right to waive any informality and minor irregularities in the submittals and select the artist deemed to be the best qualified to serve the interests of the City of Columbia in the opinion of the Columbia Board of Aldermen or may also reject all submittals.

Submittals shall include the following:

1. Letter of Interest/Artist Experience and Qualifications
2. Project Work Plan/Time Line
3. Project Budget
4. Project Drawing/Digital Image
5. Project Rendering (2' Clay Rendering to be Delivered with Proposal)

Submittals will be evaluated using a scoring system with five categories. Each category will be assigned an importance factor (below average importance, average importance, above average importance) and a range of possible points (1-Poor to 5-excellent). The total score will be the sum of earned points (multiplied by the importance factor) in each category. The categories are: (1) Artist Interest & Qualifications; (2) Artist Experience; (3) Work Plan/Timeline; (4) Budget; (5) Rendering.

Acknowledge in the Letter of Interest, receipt of any issued addenda.

Advertise: The Columbian-Progress – May 26, 2022; June 2, 2022.

This the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D., 2022.

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/s/ Justin McKenzie, Mayor  
City of Columbia, Mississippi