REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP-905

Artist or Fine Art Foundry for Casting Outdoor Bronze Artwork
Date Due: Thursday, August 7, 2014

Questions and Answers

The following questions and requests for clarification have been received by the City. Responses are being provided in accordance with Section 1B of the RFP.

#1) Please provide a detail of material type and depth of the substrate the chairs are being proposed to mount to.

The installation will be in an area adjacent to the Farmer’s Market on 5th Avenue near the Detroit Street intersection. This area is an extended sidewalk/plaza where a lane of Detroit Street, a brick covered street, had historically existed. The sidewalk was constructed in 1984.

Sidewalk is 4” concrete and is likely to be a sand base underneath.

Installation of the memorial will be conducted according to the design and approval of a structural engineer. A foundation may need to be constructed upon which the artwork would be mounted.

#2) In review of the style, means and methods Mr. Coleman Jewett utilized in fabricating his trademark chairs, it is our belief the use of castings does not most accurately reflect his choice of methods to create his chairs. Please confirm if an alternate form of fabrication can be considered under this RFP.

Alternatives to casting may be proposed as a fabrication method by respondents. A full description of that method and process, including the respondent’s experience with the method and work plan to implement the method, must be provided as outlined in Section 3: Part 1, A, B and C.
#3) **Will simple epoxy anchoring into the existing 4” concrete suffice for the installation of these chairs?**

It is possible. However, the weight of the final work will determine what installation method will be required by the City and if a new foundation for the work will be necessary.

If it is required, the City will Bid the design and construction of a foundation. The memorial’s fabricator may submit a bid. The basis of a foundation design is to be determined by a structural engineer. The foundation’s design must factor the weight of the final work. Demolition of a portion of the existing sidewalk will be necessary to place a foundation.

Design standards can be found at this webpage:

#4) **What is the typical thickness of the wood utilized by Mr. Jewitt for the construction of his chair?**

Wood thickness is 1” boards (actual: 3/4”).