First Americans Museum
Sky Terrace Mural Project
Request for Qualifications

Call Details
First Americans Museum (FAM) is seeking three (3) qualified applicants to prepare publicly viewable murals onsite in the Sky Terraces (Moon, Sun, Stars), located along the Mound Path, at FAM in Oklahoma City. These murals will address Indigenous relationships to the cosmos relative to the terrace theme.

FAM is a non-profit museum located in Oklahoma City, serving the 39 tribal nations located in Oklahoma. Our mission is to serve as a dynamic center promoting awareness and educating the public about the unique cultures, histories, and art of the First American nations in Oklahoma. In our first year of operations, we had 130,000 visitors from every state in the US and 26 international countries.

Our facility sits on a 78-acre site that includes the museum facility and a 21\textsuperscript{st} century mound honoring our Moundbuilding ancestors. On the FAM Mound walk are located three architectural feature spaces called the Sky Terraces. Each is uniquely shaped and assigned a purpose, honoring the Moon, the Sun, and the Stars, respectively. The terraces are viewable by the public as they walk along Mound Path, accessible for free during FAM’s operational hours and for special events.

FAM seeks to identify one artist or artist team per terrace space to create a mural, aligning the visual content with the terrace purpose. As an Indigenous-centered institution, we want to use these visual surfaces to celebrate our ancestral Indigenous knowledge about the cosmos.

This project is sponsored by Boeing.

Selection Process
Phase One: Request for Qualifications.
Artists and artist teams are invited to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submissions must be made by December 15, 2022, via https://form.jotform.com/223055837365056

Submissions will be judged on the following:
- \textit{ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE}: work that reflects originality, care for execution, innovation, craftsmanship, and mastery of skills and techniques that communicate a unique vision and perspective.
- \textit{PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE}: artist/artist team must be able to prove professional capacity for concept development and execution, including meeting deadlines, working within budgets and performance.
- \textit{PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY}: artist/artist team must be able to specifically demonstrate previous work of comparable size/scale, budget and working in partnership with stakeholders.
Phase Two: Contract Awards/Concept Development | January–March 2023
Three selected artist/artist team will be invited to work with FAM staff and awarded contracts. Upon signing the contract, each artist/artist team will be asked to submit a concept drawing and associated all-inclusive materials budget.

Phase Three: Mural completion | April–May 2023
FAM staff will work with each artist/artist team to refine drawings for advancement to final project concept. Upon final approval of concept, FAM staff will work with artist/artist team for completion onsite. Murals will open to the public in May 2023.

Artist Fee
Artist/Artist Team will receive $2,000 fee for artistic services, including travel, insurance, and any other costs related to executing the mural. Materials will be paid separately.

Fees will be paid as follows: 25% upon contract signing, 25% upon final approval of concept drawing, 50% upon completion of mural installation.

Materials & Equipment Budget
Due to the differing surfaces, each project will require different treatments. FAM is prepared to support each project up to $2,000 in addition to the artist fee. Additional costs, including equipment rentals, will be the responsibility of the artist, unless preapproved by FAM staff. FAM will manage initial surface preparation of the concrete terraces separate from the materials fee.

Exhibition Period
Each Sky Terrace will present the prepared mural treatment for up to three years. However, in the case of weather damage, the work may be replaced prematurely.
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SITE SPECIFICATIONS
Moon Terrace

Space description:
Pointed ellipse with a single entrance and a single, low windowpane (north side); cantilevered sections are demarcated by shallow compression breaks; 3° incline on groundplane.

Measurements:
Groundplane
158” wide
323” long

Arc/lower section width (L-R)
691.25” total

Height by rows (Top-Ground)
77.5” TOTAL

Sun Terrace

Space description:
Arcing half circle with nine glass panels; flat panes do not connect; gaskets are roughly 1”; level groundplane.

Measurements:
Window section widths (L-R)
416” total

Height for all panels
124”
Stars Terrace

**Space description:**
Ellipse with a single entrance; cantilevered sections are demarcated by shallow compression breaks; 3° incline on groundplane.

**Measurements:**
*Arc/lower section widths (L-R)*
850” W x 127” H