



Durham County Government

Agenda Action Form Supplemental, Public Art Contract-Visual Originals, Inc. (Derrick Monk)

BOE S. Roxboro St. Renovation Project

Agenda Action Form Overview

The Board is hereby requested to authorize the County Manager to enter into a contract with artist, Derrick Monk (Visual Original Customs LLC), for the design, fabrication and installation of the Public Art at the Board of Elections located at 3825 S Roxboro St #101, Durham, NC 27713 for \$100,000, plus an Owners contingency for \$10,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$110,000.

Background/Justification

The RFQ for Public Art was advertised and posted on the CAFÉ (Call for Entry) website on January 14, 2024. One hundred and sixty-four applications were received on February 15, 2024. An Art Review Committee comprised members from Engineering, Architects, City of Durham, and Community organizations to review the online applications. The review committee reviewed responses and brought forward the top twelve applicants. Artist was selected as the Artist for the project Public Art. The committee agreed to enter into a contract for the Public Art design based on the body of work highlighted during the evaluation and interview process.

On November 18, 2025, Derrick Monk presented the current concept to the Durham Public Art Committee. The Public Art Committee recommended moving forward with this project. The funding for this project is included in the Board of Elections Capitol Project account.(See attachment 2, pages 1-4)

Policy Impact

The board approved the use of this delivery method prior to staff issuing the RFQ.

Procurement Background

Construction Manager's @ Risk are selected based qualification based RFQ processes as outlined in NC G.S. 143-64-31. This statute requires that State and al public subdivisions and Local Governments units thereof, except in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, to announce all requirements for architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management at risk services, design-build services, and public-private partnership construction services to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information at this stage, and thereafter to negotiate a contract for those services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm.

Type of purchase

☐ Goods

☒ Services

☐ Architect, Engineer or Surveyor Services, CM@R

☐ Construction and Repair

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if \geq \$90,000

Services: Bids required if \geq \$30,000, BOCC approval if $>$ \$100,000



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Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If no, why?

- ☐ Sole source exemption
- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☒ Other - RFQ

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, why? Qualification based RFQ process as required by G.S. 143-64.31

Fiscal Impact

Funding for this service is available in the BOE Capital Project account.

Recommendation

County Manager to recommends that the Board approve authorize the County manager to enter into a contract with artist, Derrick Monk (Visual Original Customs LLC), for the design, fabrication and installation of the Public Art at the Board of Elections building located at 3825 S Roxboro St #101, Durham, NC 27713 for \$100,000, plus and owners contingency of \$10,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$110,000.