

ALACHUA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC ART CALL TO ARTISTS

for the

CTA 22-313 Sankofa Sculpture for the West Lawn of the County Administration Building



Submittal Deadline:

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022

**Any response received after the above submittal deadline
will not be considered.**

Purpose

The Alachua County Arts Council (“the Committee”) invites artists or artist teams to respond to this Call to Artists for a Sankofa sculpture in honor of the late Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn for the West Lawn of the County Administration Building.

Background

The mission of the County public arts program is to enhance the quality of the visual environment in Alachua County, thereby adding to the quality of life and the level of citizen awareness of the importance of aesthetic experience in their everyday lives.

The art site will be on the SE corner of University Avenue and Main Street on the West Lawn of the County Administration Building, located at 12 SE 1 St., Gainesville, FL 32601.



The site formerly displayed a Confederate Soldier Sculpture for more than 100 years. The placement of the sculpture became a divisive issue in the community. The Board of County Commissioners voted to return the sculpture to the Daughters of the Confederacy, who originally donated the sculpture to the County in 1904. The Confederate Solider Sculpture was peacefully relocated in 2017.

Three prior Call to Artists have been advertised for this site, with the County Commission rejecting all prior submittals. Previous Calls were broad; whereas this Call is very specific – a Sankofa made of a durable outdoor, vandal-resistant, material, with a protective railing (or other solution) that provides biographical information and an image of Dr. Hillard-Nunn and an explanation of the meaning of Sankofa. A private donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) has pledged \$25,000 for the project, bringing the total available budget to \$ 73,950.

Dr. Patricia Hilliard-Nunn was an adjunct associate professor for the University of Florida, African American Studies Program. She studied Media and Culture, Audience Analysis, Enslaved Africans in Alachua County and African American History in Alachua County. Her creative practices included Media Production, West African Dance & Mixed Media Art. Before teaching in African America Studies, she taught Black Women and Film in the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research at the University of Florida and served various populations while working as a Community Organizer in Alachua County (<https://afam.clas.ufl.edu/faculty-profiles/hilliard-nunnpage/>).

A Sankofa refers to the Bono Adinkra symbol represented by a bird with its head turned backwards while its feet face forward carrying a precious egg in its mouth. The Sankofa bird appears frequently in traditional Akan art representing the need to reflect on the past to build a successful future. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sankofa>). “Sankofa” literally means, “to go back and get it.” The egg represents the “gems” or knowledge of the past upon which wisdom is based; it also signifies the generation to come that would benefit from that wisdom. There are several overlapping interpretations: Taking from the past what is good and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress through the benevolent use of knowledge. Going back and reclaiming our past so we can move forward; so we understand why and how we came to be who we are today (<https://www.rochester.edu/diversity/faculty-staff/resource-groups/sankofa/>).

Eligibility

This call is an open call to all artists and student artists who have prior experience with public sculptures made with durable, vandal resistant, materials with an estimated life expectancy of at least 100 years. Submittals must be uploaded to Monochronicle.com by **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022**.

Include all required documentation in a single pdf file and upload it along with high-quality images to Monochronicle.com. Failure to comply with the required documentation will deem an artist non-responsive.

Please click on the link to apply: <https://monochronicle.com/property/sankofa-sculpture/>

Budget

The budget for this project is \$ 73,950, which includes, but is not limited to, artists fees, other consultants’ and subcontractors’ fees, insurance conforming to Alachua County Board of County Commissioners standards, engineering, materials fabrication, transportation, installation (including any site modification), a protective railing (or other solution) that provides biographical information and an image of Dr. Hillard-Nunn and an explanation of the meaning of Sankofa, and post-installation documentation.

Project Details

The Evaluation Team will consist of a group of interested stakeholders and the Alachua County Arts Council. This art work will be a sculpture of a Sankofa accompanied by a protective railing (or other solution) that provides biographical information and an image of Dr. Hillard-Nunn and an explanation of the meaning of Sankofa. It will be located on an existing 12’ x 12’ concrete slab on the West Lawn of the County Administration Building.

Location

The County Administration Building is located at 12 SE 1 St., Gainesville, Florida 32601.

Proposal Requirements

Please review the score sheet prior to completing the proposal and note that some of the requirements must be met at a minimum level or the proposal will not be considered.

1. A resume that includes your:

- Name, address and contact information,
- Credentials
- Experience
- Awards
- Name and contact information of three (3) references who are prior clients (include the name of the project).

2. A total of three (3) to six (6) digital photos of an existing sculpture you have created made of durable, vandal-resistant, materials with an estimated life expectancy of 100 or more years. The photos should be of the same sculpture, both close up and distant, showing details, height and 360 views of the work.

Inquiries

All questions and inquiries must be sent via email to Leira Cruz Cáliz, Procurement Agent at lcruzcaliz@alachuacounty.us. Responses to questions and inquiries will be advertised via addenda.

Independent Artist

In the performance of this Agreement, the Artist is acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or associate of the County. The Artist is solely responsible for the means, method, technique, sequence, and procedure utilized by the Artist in the full performance of this Agreement.

Alachua County Minimum Wage

The Work performed through this Agreement is considered covered services under Chapter 22, Article III, of the Alachua County Code of Ordinances (“Wage Ordinance”), which establishes a government minimum wage for certain contractors and subcontractors providing selected services to Alachua County government. “Covered Employees,” as defined in Sec. 22.45 of the Wage Ordinance, are those employees directly involved in providing covered services pursuant to this Contract. The County may amend the applicable Minimum Wage on or before October 1st of each year.

- 1.1. Current required Alachua County Government Minimum Wage is \$14.00 per hour when health benefits are provided at the equivalent value of \$2.17 per hour and \$16.17 when health benefits are not provided (collectively, the “Minimum Wage”).
- 1.2. The County may amend the applicable Minimum Wage on or before October 1st of each year.
- 1.3. The Artist must provide certification, **Exhibit B**, to the County that it pays each of its employees the Alachua County Government Minimum Wage, as well as ensuring that it will require the same of its subcontractors throughout the duration of the Agreement.
- 1.4. The Artist shall prominently display a copy of the Wage Ordinance where it is easily seen by covered employees and supply to covered employees upon request. Additionally, the Artist is responsible to make any person submitting a bid for a subcontract for covered services aware of the requirements.
- 1.5. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Wage Ordinance will be deemed a breach of contract and authorize the County to withhold payment of funds in accordance with Chapter 218, Florida Statutes.

The Artist will include the necessary provisions in subcontracts to ensure compliance. However, the County shall not be deemed a necessary, or indispensable, party in any litigation between the Artist and subcontractor

Selection Process

The Evaluation Team will review the submittals and invite the top 2-3 artists to develop a sketch of the proposed sculpture. The selected artists will each be paid \$150 for their sketch. Sketches will be due within 30 calendar days of notification. The sketches will then be presented to the Board of County Commissioners (“the Commission”) for final selection of the artist who will be commissioned to complete the sculpture. The Commission may also choose to reject all submissions and re-advertise the Call to Artists.

Evaluation Factors and Points (100 pts Total)

Number	Criteria	Possible score	Actual score	Comment
1	Resume includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artist's Name, • Address, • Contact Information, • Artist's credentials, experience and awards • Information of prior clients including Name, Address and Contact 	20		
2	Digital photos showing an existing sculpture made of durable, vandal-resistant, materials	70		
3	Artist is an Alachua County Resident	10		

EXHIBIT A

TYPE "A" INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

"ARTISAN CONTRACTORS / SERVICE CONTACTS"

The Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of this contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the contractor/vendor, his agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Coverage must be afforded under a per occurrence form policy for limits not less than \$1,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products / Completed Operations Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Liability, \$1,000,000 each Occurrence, \$50,000 Fire Damage Liability and \$5,000 Medical Expense.

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

Coverage must be afforded including coverage for all Owned vehicles, Hired and Non-Owned vehicles for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit each accident.

WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY

Coverage to apply for all employees at STATUTORY Limits in compliance with applicable state and federal laws; if any operations are to be undertaken on or about navigable waters, coverage must be included for the USA Longshoremen & Harbor Workers Act.

Employer's Liability limits for not less than \$100,000 each accident; \$500,000 disease policy limit and \$100,000 disease each employee must be included.

BUILDER'S RISK / INSTALLATION FLOATERS (when applicable)

When this contract or agreement includes the construction of and/or the addition to a permanent structure or building; including the installation of machinery and/or equipment, the following insurance coverage must be afforded:

Coverage Form: Completed Value, All Risk in an amount equal to 100% of the value upon completion or value of equipment to be installed.

When applicable: Waiver of Occupancy Clause or Cessation of Insurance clause. Flood Insurance as available under the

National Flood Insurance Program.

EMPLOYEE FIDELITY COVERAGE (only applicable to vendors whose employees handle funds)

Employee Dishonesty coverage must be afforded for not less than \$500,000 Blanket all employees ISO Form

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS

The policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

I Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability Coverages

a. The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, its officials, employees and volunteers are to be covered as an Additional Insured as respects: Liability arising out of activities performed by or on behalf of the Contractor/Vendor; to include Products and/or Completed Operations of the Contractor/Vendor; Automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Contractor.

b. The Contractor's insurance coverage shall be considered primary insurance as respects the County, its officials, employees and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County, its officials, employees or volunteers shall be excess of Contractor/Vendor's insurance and shall be non-contributory.

II All Coverages

The Contractor/Vendor shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a notice of cancellation. The certificate shall indicate if cover is provided under a "claims made" or "per occurrence" form. If any cover is provided under claims made from the certificate will show a retroactive date, which should be the same date of the contract (original if contract is renewed) or prior.

SUBCONTRACTORS

The Contractor/Vendor shall be responsible for all subcontractors working on their behalf as a condition of this agreement. All subcontractors of the Contractor/Vendor shall be subject to the same coverage requirements stated herein.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER: Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
MAIL, EMAIL or FAX CERTIFICATES

The Certificate of Insurance must contain the following:

Department Contact: Gina Peebles
Department: County Manager's Office
Dept. Contact Phone: 352-538-8265
Dept. Contact Email: gpeebles@alachuacounty.us
CTA 21-977 Outdoor Artwork for West Lawn of the County Administration Building

EXHIBIT B

Certification of Meeting Alachua County Wage Ordinance

The undersigned certifies that all employees, contracted and subcontracted, completing services as part of this Agreement are paid, and will continue to be paid, in accordance with Chapter 22, Article III of the Alachua County Code of Ordinance ("Wage Ordinance").

Corporate Name:
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone Number
Point of Contact _____

Project Description:

CONTRACTOR

ATTEST (By Corporate Officer)

By _____
Print: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

By _____
Print: _____
Title: _____

INCORPORATED OR ARE OTHERWISE NOT A NATURAL PERSON, PLEASE PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBANCY AND AUTHORITY, OR A CORPORATE RESOLUTION, LISTING THOSE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS. IF A NATURAL PERSON, THEN YOUR SIGNATURE SHOULD BE NOTARIZED. SAMPLE FORMATS FOR NOTARY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTRANET UNDER THE PURCHASING/PROCUREMENT SECTION