


Department of Police

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SUBJECT: PSA with Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio for Police Art Project

In September of 2017, the Police Department applied for and received approval of their application for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds to pay for two brick art sculptures to be placed on the front of the police department lobby. The application was approved and the City of Denton retained Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio in October, 2017, for all architectural and structural aspects of the police art project.

Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio was selected for the architectural aspects of this project on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification. Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio has been in business since 1978 providing architectural services to cities and private industry in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. They have worked on several projects for public safety buildings within the City of Denton including work on the recently redesigned Police Department Lobby, Denton Central Fire Station, Fire Station 7, and Fire Station 2.

Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio is known for delivering projects in a professional and efficient manner to the City of Denton. Based on these qualifications, the Facilities Management Department requested a proposal directly from Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio for the police art project. The proposal by Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio was written in a not-to-exceed format billable hourly up to the amount of \$9,000, which is a reasonable price for the scope of work and level of effort required for a project of this nature. The direct solicitation to a single provider based on demonstrated and known qualifications for a fair and reasonable price is consistent with State law for the procurement of professional services under Texas Local Government Code 2254.003.

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Approval for funding to pay for the art and professional services of Kirkpatrick Architecture Studio received preliminary approval from the Public Art Committee at their regular meeting on April 5, 2018. The Public Art Committee approved having Paula Blincoe Collins as the artist and for funding the art from the 2018 Project Year HOT funds and funding the architecture costs up to \$9,000 from unexpended 2014 CIP funds designated public art for public safety facilities that remain after completion of the Firefighter Memorial Tower in 2017. The finished exterior brick sculpted panel will be easily visible to the Denton public and to the growing and vibrant entrepreneurial business and residential community and patrons of the Downtown DCTA commuter rail station located across the street from the Police Station facility. This project and the funding will be presented to Council on April 17, 2018, for final approval.

Review of PAC 2017 meeting minutes indicated that while the project was discussed, no formal vote was recorded. Consequently, the project and sole source artist were again presented and discussed at the April 5, 2018, PAC meeting. PAC committee members voted 4-3 in favor of requesting \$45,000 from 2018 HOT funds for this project and to select Paula Blincoe Collins as the artist to execute the panel to be co-located at the same facility as her prior "Woman of Justice" sculpture from 1994.

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