REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST (RFI)

Issuing Agency: City of Chula Vista
Issue Date: June 15, 2022
RFI #, RFI Title: RFI# 22-001 Acquisition of a Christopher Columbus Bronze Statue
Responses Due: August 13, 2022 at 5 p.m.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

On May 25, 2021, the Chula Vista City Council considered and approved the permanent removal of the Christopher Columbus statue and at their September 28, 2021 Council meeting, appointed a Task Force to consider, among other things, recommending a disposition of the statue for City Council consideration.

The Christopher Columbus and Discovery Park Task Force is seeking statements of interest to transfer ownership of a statue/outdoor bronze sculpture ("Statue") created by Mario Zamora, a world-renowned artist, to an entity, upon terms deemed by the Task Force to be appropriate and advantageous. From June 15, 2022 through August 13, 2022 at 5 p.m., this offer is extended to any museum, historical society, educational organization, or other entities interested in acquiring statues for relocation and placement. The recipient would be responsible for any and all costs associated with relocating the Statue. Transfer recommendations are subject to City Council approval. The Task Force issues this Request for Statements of Interest ("RFI") to determine whether, and how many, entities are or may be interested in discussing specific terms for acquisition of the Statue. See Resolution 2021-132.

The Statue that is subject of this RFI is a bronze/sculpture of Christopher Columbus, currently being stored at a city facility. Information regarding the Christopher Columbus Statue can be found at: http://collections.si.edu/search/detail/edanmdm:siris_ari_321831.

Note: this RFI is **not** a solicitation for procurement of goods and/or services; **no** contract for goods or services will be awarded as a result of this RFI.

SECTION 2: MANDATORY RESPONSE FORM

STATEMENT OF INTEREST SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO CITY RFI # [insert]

Provide the following information:

Name and Address of Interested Entity and Authorized Representative:

Entity Name: _____

Office [Physical] Address: _____

Contact Name [Authorized Representative]: _____

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone Number: (___)_____

Entity Website URL: _____

Email: _____

Type of Entity [check at least one]:

☐ Museum * IRS 501(C)(3)? _____ [yes or no]

☐ Historical Society * IRS 501(C)(3)? _____ [yes or no]

☐ Educational Organization * IRS 501(C)(3)? _____ [yes or no]

☐ Other: _____ [specify]* IRS 501(C)(3)? _____ [yes or no]

* Attach documentation verifying the type of entity, and your entity's 501(c)(3) status [if applicable]

Please provide a brief description of your entity or organization.

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Are you interested in acquiring the Statue for relocation and placement?

Yes _____ No _____

Please provide an explanation for your interest and if acquired, how the Statue will be displayed and for what purpose. Explanation may be up to five-pages in length including maps or placement diagrams. * (See Note 1)

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Note 1: In your explanation above, please also provide the following information:

- **Organization Mission Statement**
- **Year Organization was established**
- **Location where statue is intended to be displayed**
- **Public access to statue, if any**
- **Knowledge/Experience of Artists' Moral Rights under the Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) and the California Art Preservation Act (CAPA)**
- **Ability to maintain the statue**
- **Ability to fund relocation, maintain and repair the statue**

Note 2: Any transfer of ownership of the statue to an interested entity would require approval by majority vote of City Council and would be subject to negotiated terms and conditions. The Statue is to be provided in an "AS IS CONDITION." The recipient of the Statue would have to comply with any and all legal requirements regarding the Artist's rights under the Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) and the California Art Preservation Act (CAPA). The recipient would be responsible for any and all costs associated with the acquisition and removal of the Statue from city property. The City may also require follow-up questions in-writing and/or in-person.

SECTION 3. INSTRUCTIONS

Process

- Submit application within (60) sixty days of issue date at www.chulavistaca.gov/statuetaskforce.
- City staff meeting to review completeness of application within approximately (15) days of filing
- Potential Columbus and Discovery Park Task Force Presentation/Interview at date to be determined
- Selection notices will be distributed

Questions regarding this RFI?
Contact: Adrianna Hernandez, Senior Management Analyst, Office of the City Manager
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****Responders should NOT submit questions or requests for information to any other City officials or employees.**