

Request for Proposals

Budget: TBD

Deadline: February 28, 2013

Information: Dealer.com Silo Project

The South End Arts & Business Associations (SEABA) mission is 'Fusing Culture & Commerce' by enhancing the aesthetic experience and cultural image of Burlington, VT. One of these is through a major public art initiative at the silos at Dealer.com. We are happy to announce this initiative, with an RFP for this iconic work of art at Dealer.com. The installation of this initiative at Dealer.com will bring national attention to Burlington and will add to its leadership in the creative economy, specifically here in the South End Arts District.

The Dealer.com Silo Project will be a medium-scale refurbished art project that is contemporary in style. This project is open to South End professional artists, artisans, and architects who have experience in the design, construction and installation of public art installations. Each applicant must have a proven track record meeting budgetary and timeline considerations. Preference will be provided to any South End professional whose work has been or is currently on display in an outdoor public setting.

SEABA Exhibitions is the grant and project manager for Dealer.com in this initiative. SEABA has a great deal of experience in the procurement, selection, and display of artwork in the community. SEABA Exhibitions is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation. Our operating funds come from partnerships with corporations, membership, charitable grants and the South End Art Hop.

SEABA and Dealer.com reserve the right to make no selection in this process if the appropriate piece is not presented.

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ELIGIBILITY:

It should be created of material appropriate to a northern outdoor environment and must be of suitable construction that it will last in perpetuity with minimal maintenance, and be appropriate for public viewing. Burlington, Vermont has cold winter months with mixed precipitation along with a short hot & humid summer. Resistance to issues such as rust, fading, high wind speeds, and vandalism should be considered.

Artist will take in consideration that work is appropriate for active pedestrian, and vehicular environments. Artist will have appropriate insurance. Artist will be in charge of permitting in conjunction with Dealer.com and SEABA. If applicable, artist will take into consideration if sound is a component, or during the installation period, that Monday-Friday from 8-5 p.m sound should be limited. Artist will have access to power and water. All city zoning requirements must be followed.

This work should reflect the vision and creative environment of the South End community as well as its vibrant culture. Once selected, this artwork will invite the community and visitors to explore, examine, become engaged and provide lifetimes of enjoyment for future generations to come.

Participation in this entry process constitutes a full understanding and acceptance of the conditions set forth above, previously, and the following:

If selected as the winning entrant, then he/she:

- Will provide transportation of the work to, and installation of the work at, the specific site at Dealer.com
- Will provide one or more public discussions at dealer.com regarding this work and the project.
- Will attend unveiling of project and participate in any, and all, publicity and media promotions when requested

The design budget shall include all travel and accommodations, and any other issues deemed relevant.

SEABA and Dealer.com will not accept shipments on behalf of the respondents. All materials will be delivered by the artist and/or the artist's agent.

INSTALLATION SITES:

There are 2 large silos at the west side of Dealer.com, located at 1 Howard Street in Burlington, at the intersection of Howard and Pine. Each silo is 16' in diameter and 32' high; the circumference or outside surface area of each is approximately 1600sf. In addition, each silo surface is constructed panels of 4x8 sheet of steel which are bolted on. They are 4 sheets in height. Zoning regulations state the structure can be no higher than 35', and no closer than 5' in proximity to Pine Street. The SEABA Board along with representatives from Dealer.com will evaluate all proposals to this request. Specific criteria include: the artist's professional qualifications, history of completed projects of a similar scope, artistic creativity as evidenced by the submission, and the degree of site specificity reflected in each proposal, as well as the reflection of the community. In some instances, selection may require additional approval of corporate and/or local government representatives. The finalists chosen for this project as evidenced by the choices of this panel, is final. This is a commissioned project, Dealer.com will own the rights to the work installed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered for the 2013 Silo Project, artists must submit the following for the projected installation date of Summer of 2013:

- Completed Proposal submitted by February 28, 2013
- Current Resume
- One-paragraph Biography
- Artist Statement
- Projected budget
- Minimum of 5 Slides, prints or digital images of outdoor sculpture (to-scale)
- All CD's must be labeled with the applicants' name and contact information.
- Dimension: Minimum 800 x 600; Maximum 1600 x 1200 pixels – File Format: JPG
- Detailed description of materials dimensions, value or price, weight and detailed installation requirements
- Project Timeline

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

Deadline for questions **February 15, 2013 AT 5:00PM EST**

Answers posted by **February 22, 2013 AT 5:00PM EST**

Deadline for submission of qualifications **February 28, 2013 AT 5:00 PM EST**

Interviews with selected candidates/Notification of non-selection **MID MARCH 2013**

Award of Contract **APRIL 2013**

Design Proposal by selected artist/team **MAY 2013**

Installation **ESTIMATED SUMMER 2013**

QUESTIONS

Questions about this RFP can be submitted to director@seaba.com by 5:00pm EST on February 15, 2013. Answers to all questions received by that deadline will be answered via email by February 22, 2013.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For background information on Dealer.com and the silo project area, pictures are available on the following pages:







Interior View-Additional layer of steel inside silos that forms a cone at the bottom.