

## **REQUEST FOR ARTIST QUALIFICATIONS:**

### **Public Art for North Carolina's African American Music Trail Pearson Park bandstand, Kinston, North Carolina**

**BUDGET: \$65,000**

**DEADLINE: September 1, 2010, at 5:00 PM EST**

*Please note: This RFQ is one of two concurrent public art calls to artists related to the African American Music Trail in Kinston, but commissioned by two different agencies. This Kinston Community Council for the Arts RFQ refers only to the Pearson Park bandstand project, not to the separate All-America Park RFQ, which is under the auspices of the North Carolina Arts Council. Artists may apply to both RFQs, but separate applications are required.*

The [Kinston Community Council for the Arts](#) (KCCA) seeks to commission an artist, artist team, or designer to create a site-specific, outdoor bandstand canopy which provides functional shelter for performers and interpreters, commemorates, and celebrates the African American musical history, heritage, and culture of Eastern North Carolina, in particular the City of Kinston and Lenoir County. The commissioned artist will design and produce an artful canopy enhancement to be installed on an existing, unsheltered bandstand in Pearson Park (formerly Neuseway Park), overlooking the Neuse River in downtown Kinston, NC.

This public art and design project will be a prominent component of the African American Music Trail (AAMT), a creative economies initiative of the NC Arts Council, an agency of the NC Department of Cultural Resources, in partnership with the KCCA, the Golden Leaf Foundation, the NC Department of Transportation, and local arts councils, government agencies, musicians, and community stakeholders. The Pearson Park bandstand component of the AAMT is funded by a grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation.

For more information, please see the RFQ attached to this email, or contact:

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