

CALL FOR ENTRY

5/22/12; revised 7/9/12

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority

Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial

Open To: Artists, Architects, Landscape Architects, City Planners and the Public at Large.

Commission Amount: \$100,000.00 for the design, fabrication and installation of the Memorial.

Call for Entry Opening Date: May 28, 2012

****Entry Deadline: July 23, 2012**NEW Date Extended**

Entry Review: Selection of Semi-Finalist Candidates July, 31, 2012

Design Competition Deadline: November 13, 2012

PROJECT SUMMARY: The Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) in partnership with the City of Kent, Ohio and Kent State University invite Artists, Architects, Landscape Architects, City Planners and the Public at Large to submit images of past work as evidence of their qualifications for consideration to serve as the “ Designer “ of record on the Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial.

PARTA is currently constructing a new Kent Central Gateway Multi-Modal facility scheduled for completion July 15, 2013. The Multi-Modal facility is located along Haymaker Parkway (SR 59) in the City of Kent, Ohio. This project is funded by a Federal appropriation administered through and subject to all regulations of the Federal Transportation Authority. The Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial will serve as the feature “ Public Work of Art “ adjacent to the Multi-Modal facility.

The Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial is to HONOR Past, Present, Fallen and POW-MIA veterans from all Service Branches of the United States of America military. This Memorial shall be timeless in its execution, not specific to any war or conflict period. The goal is to create a Memorial that displays the depth of appreciation the public has for the sacrifices made by our military throughout time. In part, the final design solution shall incorporate an American Flag and pole and a remembrance of each Service Branch in the form of a Flag or Marker.

The Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial is intended to serve as a destination for those observers who wish to pause and reflect on what our military means to them in the preservation of our country's FREEDOM.

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The Renaissance of the City of Kent is underway and PARTA is proud to contribute to this endeavor through the creation of the Kent Central Gateway Multi-Modal facility. Not only will the Multi-Modal facility bring a heightened level of service to the traveling public, it affords PARTA the opportunity to incorporate a “ Public Work of Art “ for all to experience and enjoy.

The Kent Central Gateway Multi-Modal facility is located adjacent to numerous new facilities currently under construction. Scheduled for completion later this year and in early 2013 is a new Kent State University Hotel/ Conference Center, Corporate Office Complex and a vibrant Shopping District. The Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial will benefit from the vista across the Great Lawn of the planned Esplanade linking Kent State University with downtown Kent.

SITE CONSIDERATIONS: Haymaker Parkway (SR 59) bisects the City of Kent and functions as a main thoroughfare serving the Kent Central Gateway Multi-Modal facility. The Memorial site of choice is located on the South East corner of the Multi-Modal facility adjacent to Haymaker Parkway. This site is highly visible by patrons accessing the Multi-Modal facility as well as the KSU Hotel/Conference Center. With the enhanced pedestrian linkage between the University and downtown Kent provided by the Esplanade, the Memorial site will serve as a moving reminder of the significant contributions our military have made to ensure our FREEDOM'S.

PRACTICAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS: From a constructability perspective, the Memorial needs to be constructed from durable materials, economical to maintain and resistant to vandalism. The design solution shall not incorporate components that present a safety hazard to the public. The Memorial shall not require the use of utilities other than electricity sufficient for lighting.

PROJECT INFORMATION: Further information regarding PARTA, City of KENT, Ohio and Kent State University may be found on the following web sites:

PARTA: www.partaonline.org, www.kentcentralgateway.org

City of Kent, Ohio: www.kent-ohio.org

Kent State University: www.kent.edu

Visit the PARTA web site for access to the following documents:

1. Program Statement
2. Project Schedule
3. Site Plans
4. Project Budget Requirements

TIME LINE: Submit all inquiries and materials by **July 23, 2012** to PARTA in care of Bryan Smith, Director of Planning.

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Key project dates are as follows:

1. Issue Call for Entry: 5/28/12
2. Deadline to receive design candidates resume and images of past work: 6/27/12
3. Selection of Semi-Finalist: 7/31/12
4. Semi-Finalist meet for site visit: 8/13/12
5. Semi-Finalist design competition deadline and proposal presentation: 11/13/12
6. Memorial completion date: 8/10/13

SELECTION REVIEW PROCESS: Interested Design Candidates should complete your application process based on the dates listed above.

Designers are asked to submit a maximum of (9) images of past work either interior, exterior or both , in .JPG format on CD,USB or DVD (we do not have image upload capability). Please indicate if the submittal is proposed for purchase or examples of your work. Images should be 72 dpi and at least 768 pixels tall by 1024 pixels on the longest side. Save your image files in the following naming convention: LastnameFirstnameimagenumber.jpg for example SmithJohn1.jpg, SmithJohn2.jpg etc.

In addition to images, Designers are asked to submit the following:

1. A current resume detailing professional experience in creating large works of public art and the ability to deliver a project of this scale on time and within budget.
2. A self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage for the return of the image discs.

The Advisory Selection Committee will review submitted materials and will develop a list of semi-finalist designer candidates. These semi-finalists will be invited to Kent, Ohio for a site visit. More detailed information about PARTA and the Kent Gateway Veterans Memorial competition will be made available during the site visit. For designers interested in developing a site-specific Public Work of Art, semi-finalists will be invited to create a proposal for this Memorial. Each semi-finalist will be offered a proposal fee in addition to an honorarium for their site-visit to Kent. Designer proposals will be judged competitively by the Advisory Selection Committee and the Steering Committee. Submitted proposals become the property of PARTA. Designers interested in offering existing works of art for purchase please indicate selling price when submitting your disc of images. No proposal fee will be offered for existing work.

After completing your application for the project, please submit to PARTA care of Bryan Smith at the address listed above.