



Call to Artists

Miami-Dade County Integrated Command & Communications Center (IC3)
at Lightspeed: Facility Interiors and Bridge

Brief

Project Name

Command & Communications Center (IC3) at
Lightspeed – Interiors and Bridge

Overview

Through Miami-Dade County's Department of Cultural Affairs, Art in Public Places program, 1.5% of the cost of construction on public land is dedicated to the commissioning of public art. This request for qualifications is for professional artists to commission public art. The selected artist(s) will design unique artwork(s) that will contribute to the identity of this facility and engage employees, visitors and passers-by in unexpected and delightful ways.

Owner

Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and
Miami-Dade County People & Internal Operations
Department

Partners

Suffolk Construction
Gensler

Budget

\$700,000.00
Multiple commissions envisioned

Location

11500 NW 25th Street
City of Sweetwater, FL 33172

Eligibility

Open to professional visual artists or artist-led teams with a track record of collaboration based in south Florida. Artists must live and create artwork in south Florida on for a sustained period of time on a regular basis.

How to Apply

Deadline: Monday, July 21, 2025 11:59PM

Please submit qualifications:

- Up to 10 samples of completed work
- CV - Resume
- Artist Statement

To apply, visit Art in Public Places at:
<https://miamidadepublicart.org/app/opportunities/calls-to-artists.page>

Detailed Description

Miami-Dade County's People & Internal Operations Department will design and build a new state-of-the-art emergency command center in the Sweetwater area of Miami. It includes a fortified bunker totaling 12 stories for government offices, personnel, and emergency services and vehicles. Building 6 contains 6 floors of office space with a radio tower, floors 1 is parking. Building 7 is the existing facility to be renovated. The new larger space would allow for further integration of command and control amongst emergency services and relevant parties, as well as continuity of government, and a place for the National Weather Service on site. Adjacent to the new center's location is the existing Lightspeed Facility, which will connect to the new emergency command center via a pedestrian bridge and provide a connection to the county's Real Time Crime Center, numerous communication systems and the county's 911 and 311 operators.



Opportunities for Public Art

Bridge

- Artist designed elements within the pedestrian bridge that extends between on-site parking and the new Lightspeed building. Opportunities include but are not limited to applied or integrated artwork on interior bridge walls and light and or sound-based artwork (see bottom right of the below image).



Interior Wall-Based or Installation Artworks

- Applied or integrated wall-based artworks and/or feature walls for dining areas, elevator lobbies, large training room in Building 6, pantry Building 6, and press and media room (bldg. 7) north wall (9 feet height) (Building 7, Lightspeed), and media lobby.



Artist-designed flooring which may include ceramic tile or Terrazzo flooring

- Floor 2, dining area
- Floor 11, shared pantry
- Elevator Lobbies (Floors 10 and 11)



Estimated Schedule

**This schedule is subject to change.*

June 2025	Call to Artists released
Monday, July 21, 2025 11:59PM	Deadline to Submit Qualifications
July 31, 2025	Professional Advisory Committee meeting – shortlist
August 2025	Artist notifications
August - September 2025	Artist Orientation & honorarium documents upload suggested deadline
September 2025	Proposal concept consultation
October 2025	Proposal draft review + feedback session
October 2025	Submission of semi-final or final proposal <i>*48-hours prior to presentation.</i> <i>*Adjustments may be made after this date.</i>
October 2025	Proposal presentation – Online meeting <i>*A 30 minute presentation appointment time on a defined date will be provided for artist's confirmation.</i> <i>*Final version of the proposal as presented is requested to be uploaded prior to presentation</i>
November 2025	Artist notifications <i>*Artworks are envisioned to be installed approximately one year after notification.</i>
4 th quarter of 2026 – 1 st Quarter of 2027	Estimated Project Completion

Process

Pursuant to the processes of the Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places Program, a three-member group of art and architectural professionals drawn from the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) will recommend a shortlist of artists to create full proposals to the Art in Public Places Trust. The primary criteria for shortlist selection will be previous artistic accomplishment as demonstrated in images of completed artwork, public art experience, and/or initial design approach to the project as demonstrated in the artist's statement. Artists who have not created public art before are warmly invited to apply. If appropriate, the PAC reserves the right to recommend artists who may not have applied to this Call to Artists.

Upon being recommended to prepare full proposals, shortlisted artists will receive detailed information regarding the opportunities for public art. Artists will also be invited to attend a site visit and Artist Orientation meeting, and will have the opportunity to meet with the client, including the design & the construction teams, and Art in Public Places staff.

Shortlisted Artists will receive a proposal honorarium, as well as an allowance for travel-related expenses for personally attending the recommended meetings in Miami-Dade County including the Artist Orientation and final proposal presentation meeting. Artists may choose to present their final proposals via video conference. Art in Public Places staff will be available to support inquiries throughout the process. Upon the presentation of proposals, the PAC will make recommendations for final commissions to the Art in Public Places Trust for their consideration. For more information about Art in Public Places: <http://www.miamidadepublicart.org/>

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About the Partners

Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places

Celebrating 50 years, Miami-Dade County Art in Public Places is a program of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, one of the first public art programs in the country. The program was established in 1973 with the passage of an ordinance allocating 1.5% of capital costs of new local government buildings for the purchase or commission of artworks, educational programs and collection maintenance. The Art Trust Fund is administered by a County Commission-appointed citizens board, the Art in Public Places Trust, in consultation with its Professional Advisory Committee. www.miamidadepublicart.org / www.miamidadearts.org

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity, access and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting equitable opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Florida Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, and The Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation at The Miami Foundation, and the Taft Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council. For more information, visit www.miamidadearts.org.

Miami-Dade County People & Internal Operations Department

The People and Internal Operations Department ensures efficient County operations and fosters a thriving workforce by integrating internal services and human resources management. The department provides facility, construction, fleet, and risk management, along with ADA compliance, real estate, security and parking services.

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It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, CART, and/or any accommodation to participate in Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs sponsored programs or meetings, please contact Dana Pezoldt, (305-375-2161, culture@miamidade.gov) at least (5) five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service.)