Memorandum

Date: December 9, 2025

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-61 / Miami Cold Chain Facility at MIA / Artist Proposal Contracts

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPOSAL CONTRACTS IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH THE FOLLOWING TWELVE (12) ARTISTS IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED FEE AMOUNTS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FOR EACH ARTIST:

National-based Shortlist

	Recommended Artist	Residence	Proposal Fee
1	Harumi Abe	Hollywood, Florida	$1,500
2	Alexandre Arrechea	Miami, Florida	$1,500
3	Ben Butler	Memphis, Tennessee	$1,500
4	Nova Jiang	Los Angeles, California	$1,500
5	Adam Kuby	Portland, Oregon	$1,500
6	Elena Manferdini	Venice, California	$1,500
7	Tiff Massey	Ferndale, Michigan	$1,500
8	Matt Niebuhr	Des Moines, Iowa	$1,500
9	Edison Peñafiel	Miami Beach, Florida	$1,500
10	Aaron Stephan	Portland, Maine	$1,500
11	Lisu Vega	North Miami, Florida	$1,500
12	Addison Wolf	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	$1,500
	Total Proposal Fees:		**$18,000**

FOR A COMBINED TOTAL PROPOSAL EXPENDITURE NOT-TO-EXCEED $ 18,000.00 FOR THE MIAMI COLD CHAIN FACILITY PROJECT AT THE GROUNDS OF THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (FROM MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MANDICH GROUP PUBLIC ART FUND).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Proposal Contracts in substantially the form attached with the following twelve (12) artists in the not-to-exceed fee amounts as described below for each artist:

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For a combined total proposal expenditure not-to-exceed $18,000.00 for the Miami Cold Chain Facility project at the grounds of the Miami International Airport .

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) convened on November 20, 2025, to review the credentials of one hundred and seventy-six (176) artists who submitted qualifications from a National Call to Artists for the new Cold Chain facility at the grounds of the Miami International Airport. This project is a groundbreaking industry partnership between the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, the Seaport, and various private developers including the Mandich Group, Reveam, and the Tippman Group to build one of the region's largest cold chain processing facilities with a freezer-cooler capacity of 343,595 square feet. Located off Highway 836 and less than 6 miles from I-95 and 10 miles from PortMiami, the new facility will offer phytosanitary processing, as well as many other value-added services to support the growing inflow of perishables, proteins, and consumer packaged goods in the South Florida region.

Opportunities for public art include, but are not limited to, durable artwork applications such as glass mosaic tile or other durable larger format tile and or two-dimensional metal panels to

activate the building entrance and exterior walls facing roadways; artworks for the interior lobby including suspended sculptural elements and artist-designed railings; and a free-standing screening system to conceal a large water tank flanking a prominent corner of the building.

After careful deliberation and input from the client teams, the PAC unanimously recommended inviting the following twelve (12) artists to create full proposals:

1. Harumi Abe, Hollywood, Florida
2. Alexandre Arrechea, Miami, Florida
3. Ben Butler, Memphis, Tennessee
4. Nova Jiang, Los Angeles, California
5. Adam Kuby, Portland, Oregon
6. Elena Manferdini, Venice, California
7. Tiff Massey, Ferndale, Michigan
8. Matt Niebuhr, Des Moines, Iowa
9. Edison Peñafiel, Miami Beach, Florida
10. Aaron Stephan, Portland, Maine
11. Lisu Vega, North Miami, Florida
12. Addison Wolff, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

APP staff recommends approval of Trust Resolution APPT No. 25-61 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement with each of the above twelve (12) artists in the fixed fee amount of $1,200.00 each for proposal development services for the new Miami Cold Chain Facility project at the grounds of the Miami International Airport.