

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For Semi-Finalists**

Project Title: Kansas Capitol Mural: Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.

Project Overview: The State of Kansas invites site-specific proposals from semi-finalists selected by the Capitol Preservation Committee for a commission to create a public mural commemorating *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.* to be located in the Kansas Capitol in Topeka, Kansas. The Capitol Preservation Committee will select one artist or artistic team to be awarded the commission.

Proposal Deadline: Complete responses to this request for proposals must be received by the Capitol Preservation Committee by 5:00 p.m. CT on **April 1, 2014**.

Eligibility:

Qualified artists and artistic teams must be residents of the United States.

Mural:

1. The mural will demonstrate artistic excellence and be an original work. It will be prominently located in the Kansas State Capitol (built 1866-1903). John Steuart Curry's murals on the second floor, including "Tragic Prelude" (1938-1940), represent some of the finest public art in our country. Each year thousands of Kansas children tour the Capitol and take with them powerful, enduring images of the people and events which shaped their state. The Capitol's four wings have been renovated over the past 12 years. The interior and infrastructure work includes new lighting, air-conditioning and heating, plumbing, electrical, finishes, windows and furnishings. The exterior masonry has been repaired. The copper dome and copper roof are being replaced. More information about the Kansas State Capitol is available at <http://www.kshs.org/capitol>.
2. The mural will memorialize the landmark significance of *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.* by capturing its antecedents, elements, and effects on Kansas, the United States, and the international community. The mural will be based on historically accurate information. The case memorialized by this mural was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court on May 17, 1954, and is cited as: ***Oliver Brown et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka et al.* (347 U.S. 483, 74 S.Ct. 686, 98 L.Ed. 873)**. More resource information about *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.* is available at <http://www.kshs.org/kansapedia/brown-v-board-of-education/11994> or through the Kansas Legislative Research Department's webpage, http://skyways.lib.ks.us/ksleg/KLRD/Resources/Resources_CapitolPreservation.htm.
3. The mural will be located in the Kansas Capitol in Topeka, Kansas. It will be painted, then applied to and made integral with the wall at this site. The mural will not alter or damage the historic features of the Capitol. The mural will be a permanent fixture in the Kansas Capitol, durable, stable, non-deteriorating, low maintenance, and appropriate for the light, temperature, and high volume of pedestrian traffic at this site. **Information and pictures** about the two possible sites for the mural are available through the Kansas Legislative Research Department's webpage mentioned above.

Timeline

This schedule is contingent upon the Capitol Preservation Committee's schedule and upon funding for this project, and may be changed at any time. The Kansas Legislature meets from January through May each year. Although the timeline takes into account the legislative session, there may be times that the schedule may be altered, necessitating changes in the following schedule.

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| August 1, 2013 | Semi-finalists notified and invited to submit a proposal. |
| April 1, 2014 | Deadline for Semi-finalists to submit proposal (received by 5:00 p.m. CT). |
| Summer, 2014 | Deadline for Capitol Preservation Committee to select Finalists. |
| Fall, 2014 | Finalists invited to tour Capitol. |
| To be determined | Finalists interviewed by Committee. |
| To be determined | Artist (or artist team) selected; agreement negotiated, including copyright and fair use, as well as public programs to be developed around the creation of the mural; and fundraising begins. |

Budget

The funding for this project will be provided by private donations. The project budget and the selected artist's fee are subject to negotiation.

Proposals:

From the proposals received in response to this request, the Capitol Preservation Committee will select finalists. The Capitol Preservation Committee reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

1. **Semi-finalists must prepare and submit their proposal by 5:00 p.m. CT on April 1, 2014, to:**

**Capitol Preservation Committee
C/O Kansas Legislative Research Department
Room 68-West, Capitol Building
300 SW Tenth Ave.
Topeka, KS 66621**

2. Package all materials in a sealed mailer or mailing box. The finalist's name and address, and the project title: **Kansas Capitol Mural: *Brown v. Board of Education*** should appear clearly on the exterior of the enclosure.
3. Do not staple materials together.
4. All descriptive materials must be computer-typed with one inch margins and 12 point Arial font.
5. Clearly title each page of the proposal with the finalist's name, the date of the proposal, and the project title: **Kansas Capitol Mural: *Brown v. Board of Education***.
6. Include these materials:
 - a. Description of how the mural will memorialize the landmark significance of *Oliver Brown et al., v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.*, and how it will capture the antecedents, elements and effects of *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of*

Topeka et al. on Kansas, the United States, and the international community. Not to exceed four typed pages.

- b. Description of how the mural will be installed; anticipated requirements for fabrication, display, and installation; requirements for protecting the mural's integrity; and any space requirements in addition to the mural's wall. Not to exceed one typed page.
 - c. A site-specific, full color, to scale, rendering or perspective drawing, of the proposed mural as determined by the artist from one of the two options provided (Third Floor or Fourth Floor). On paper or design board, not to exceed the dimensions of either 40" X 16", or 40" X 20".
 - d. Additional visual materials to illustrate the proposal. Not to exceed three pages.
 - e. Self-addressed mailer or mailing box, with pre-paid postage, to have submitted materials returned after the completion of the selection process. The Capitol Preservation Committee will make every effort to protect submitted materials, but will not be responsible for loss or damage.
7. Finalists will be invited to visit the mural site in the Kansas Capitol. The Capitol Preservation Committee will coordinate these visits, facilitating meetings and interviews with people and tours of places in Topeka associated with *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.*

Capitol Preservation Committee:

The Capitol Preservation Committee has the statutory responsibility to develop plans to place a mural in the Capitol commemorating *Oliver Brown et al. v. the Board of Education of Topeka et al.* (KSA 75-2267 and 75-2268). Members of the Committee include: the Statehouse Architect, the Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society, the Director of the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission, three members appointed by the Governor, two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member appointed by the House Minority Leader.

Inquiries

All questions regarding this Request for Proposals should be emailed to Reed.Holwegner@KLRD.ks.gov or jchinn@kshs.org.