



**SCULPTURE SPACE, INC., EMPIRE RECYCLING CORPORATION  
AND THE CITY OF UTICA, NEW YORK  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – Roundabout Monumental Sculpture  
Honoring Essential Workers during Covid-19 Pandemic**

Sculpture Space, Inc., in partnership with Empire Recycling Corporation, is pleased to accept submissions for the Roundabout Monumental Sculpture to honor Essential Workers.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- This RFP is open to all professional sculpture artists over the age of 18.
- Artists local to Central New York and Sculpture Space Alumni are strongly encouraged to apply.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

December 31, 2020 applications are due.

Applications accepted online at: **[www.UticaSculpture.com](http://www.UticaSculpture.com)** and should include:

1. Statement of Interest in the project that includes relevant experience and conceptual/practical approaches to the public art and design process (one page maximum);
2. Resume/CV;
3. Eight-ten (8-10) images of previous work.
4. Contact information (name, affiliation, phone, email) for THREE professional references.

**SCOPE AND NATURE OF PROJECT**

- The sculpture will be a permanent installation to honor the Essential Workers who during the Covid-19 pandemic were called upon to continue working. These group of workers were vital in allowing us to move forward – keeping production lines moving, products on the shelves, keeping us safe, and helping our economy stay afloat, despite local and state-wide shutdowns. This sculpture will be an iconic symbol of the unprecedented era of this recent pandemic, and will be a centerpiece for the City of Utica. This sculpture must directly relate to this crisis and make a statement to honor the sacrifice made by these important members of our community.
- This commission will be placed on the center roundabout on the newly built Highway 5 / Oriskany Street, where John Street currently intersects, and is in close proximity to Downtown Utica and the Bagg's Square District.
- The sculpture should be 15-20 feet tall and no wider than 12 feet at the base (will be permanently mounted to a 16' round slab)
- As a sponsor of this sculpture, the Empire Recycling Family of Companies, including Nathan Steel and Empire's Scrap Metal Recycling Facility in Utica, New York, will provide support to the metal manufacturing and materials as-needed. Designs that include metal and stainless steel are highly recommended.
- Budget will be set at approximately \$50,000 but may vary (+/-) based on funding and the final work chosen. *\*Note: This commission shall be inclusive of ALL expenses related to the creative process from beginning to end, including but not limited to: RFP final plan/proposal, materials, assistants, artist fees, and project integrity through installation/final inspection. The Artist may have to provide an engineering report.*

**TIMELINE:**

Sept 1, 2020 .....Public announcement of RFP  
Dec 31, 2020 .....Deadline for receipt of application materials  
Feb 15, 2021 .....Final selection announced  
July 2021 .....Creation/installation of commissioned work

**SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection Committee will include representatives from Sculpture Space, Empire Recycling Family of Companies, City of Utica, Art Professionals, and others who will review qualifications and select finalists. Depending on submissions there may be an additional review with additional material required.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Selection Committee will use the following criteria in the selection process:

- Submittal of all required application materials as outlined in the RFP;
- Originality, creativity and uniqueness as demonstrated in previous projects;
- Quality -- both materially and conceptually -- as demonstrated in previous projects;
- Appropriateness of proposal relative to project parameters and goals;
- Feasibility;
- Proven track record/ability of artist to complete work as proposed, and on schedule.

**TERMS**

Sculpture Space accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of artist submission materials or technical issues with online submissions. Sculpture Space accepts no responsibility for costs incurred by the artist in responding to this RFP. Artists and artist collaborations selected for this project will be required to meet all contract terms and scopes. Respondents to this RFP agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

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For more information about the Empire Recycling Family of Companies, including Nathan Steel, see: [www.empirer recycling.com](http://www.empirer recycling.com) and [www.nathansteel.com](http://www.nathansteel.com)