



Special Service Area #33
Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: ARTWORK FOR NEIGHBORHOOD WAYFINDING KIOSKS

Wicker Park Bucktown Special Service Area #33 is seeking qualifications and proposals for compelling two-dimensional artwork to be displayed on four new wayfinding kiosks throughout the Wicker Park Bucktown neighborhoods. Artwork should in some way relate to the neighborhoods of Wicker Park and Bucktown. This may include neighborhood history, architecture, aesthetic or social themes drawn from the area's cultural fabric, or other original, relevant ideas that make reference to or engage with Wicker Park and Bucktown.

Project Description

WPB SSA #33 will be installing four freestanding kiosks; one each at the Division, Damen, and Western Blue Line stations, and one near the Clybourn Metra station at Ashland and Cortland. The individual triangular kiosks will be constructed of three perforated metal sheets held together with bullnose corners, bolted to existing concrete. The aluminum will be finished and powdercoated with a custom-match exterior-grade orange powder paint. One face, or sheet, of each kiosk will be reserved for a large two-dimensional artwork mounted on one-eighth inch or 090 aluminum plate printed with graffiti-proof laminate.

Artwork panels will have printed pressure sensitive vinyl applied to the aluminum base for printing of the artwork and easy repair and replacement. Artists are invited to submit original images and work to be printed and displayed on these panels. The content should in some way reference or engage with the neighborhoods of Wicker Park and Bucktown. **The dimensions for the artwork panels are 13.89 inches wide by 59.28 inches long and any proposed artwork should be formatted for these specifications.** Artists may submit proposals for one image to be shown on all kiosks or a series of four works to make use of all four kiosks. Proposed work will be in highly visible, highly trafficked locations and should not include subject matter that may be deemed inappropriate for a general public audience. Priority will be given to local, Chicago artists in the selection process.

The artwork will be rotated out and replaced with new work by a different artist every 6 months.

Budget

Selected artists will receive a stipend of \$1,000 per utilized image. These funds will be paid directly to the artist for use of the artwork and will be disbursed in two payments: 50% upon selection and 50% upon receipt and approval of the final, high-resolution image(s). Test prints may be made to determine quality prior to the final approval. The SSA may request adjustments or alterations to the resolution and scale of the final image as needed to display work of the best possible quality.

Artist Responsibilities

Artists will be responsible for providing any final digital images to the SSA upon selection. Final images should be scaled, oriented, and cropped properly in order to fit the kiosk panel. Ideal resolution should be between 200 and 300 dpi. Selected artists will work with SSA staff to provide proper title and credit information to accompany the installed piece(s).

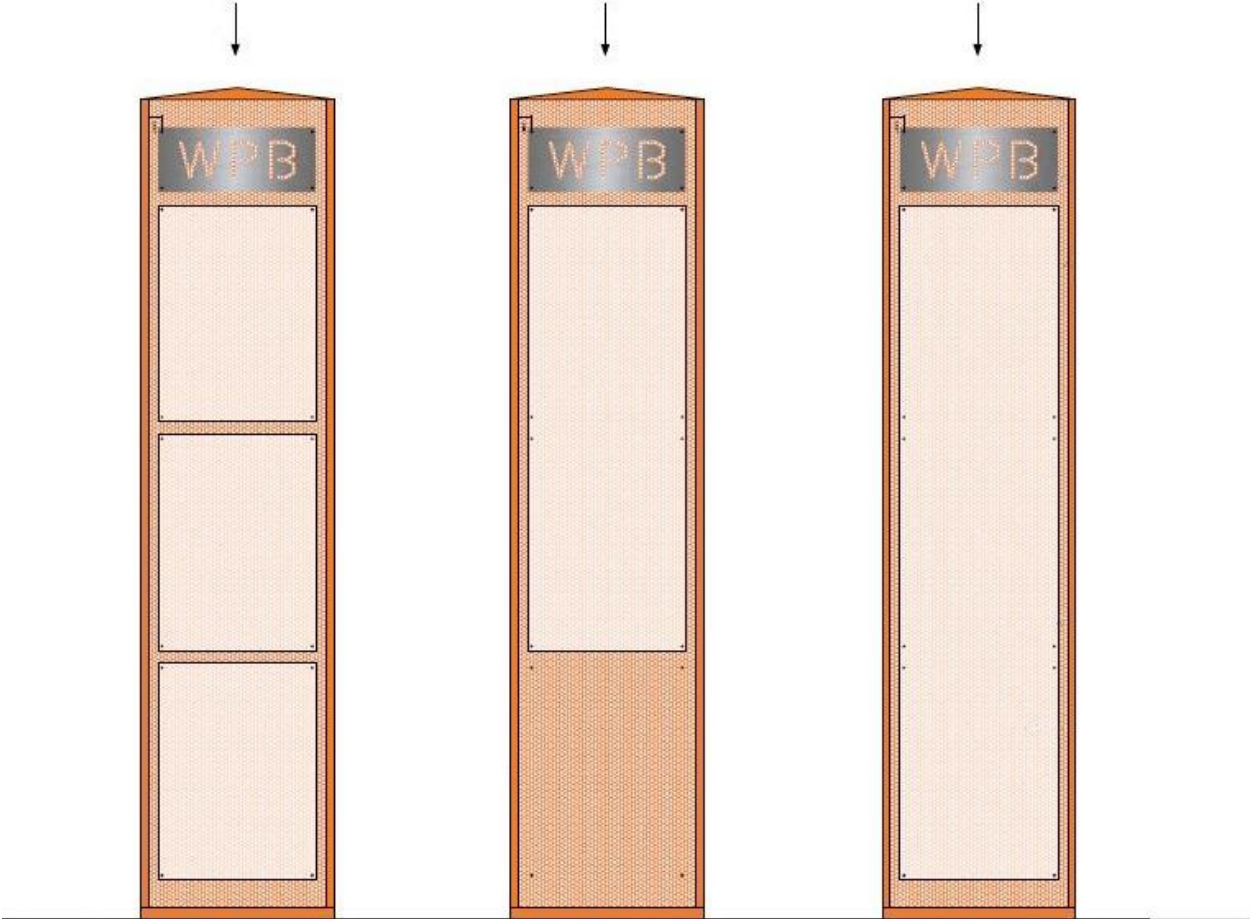
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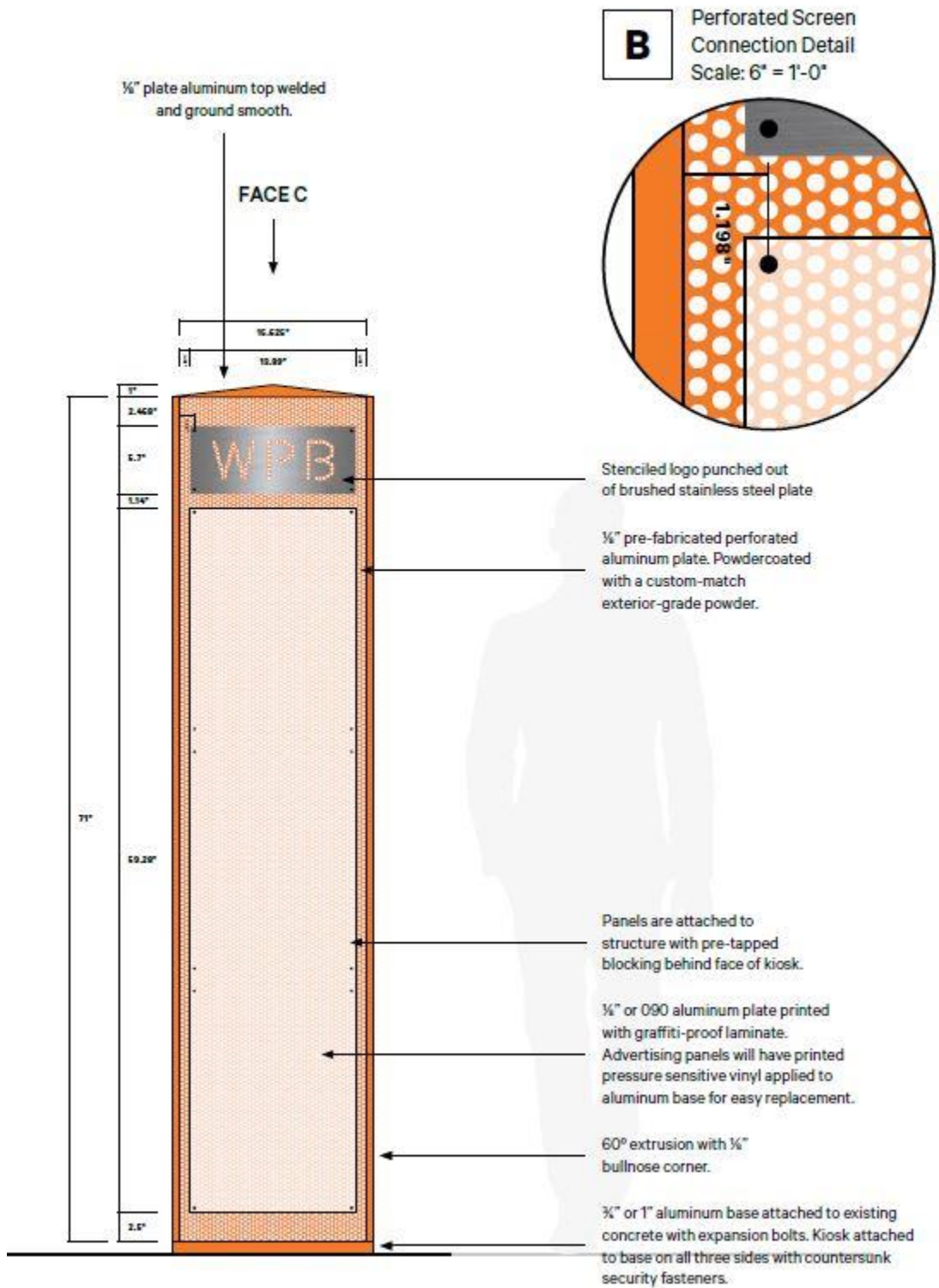
Construction Details
Scale: 1" = 1'-0"

FACE A

FACE B

FACE C





Proposal Details and Requirements

To be considered, artists or curators should submit the following:

- Description of how the proposed artwork relates to the neighborhoods of Wicker Park and Bucktown (about 250 words). If submitting more than one work, explain how the individual works function as a whole across the neighborhoods, including any specifications regarding preferred locations for installation.
- Accurate and legible photographs, drawings, or scans of the proposed work(s)
- Artist statement, resume/CV, and/or short bio

Completed proposals should be emailed to ssa33@wickerparkbucktown.com with the subject line “Wayfinding Artwork Proposal” or mailed in sealed envelope to:

Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Wayfinding Artwork Proposal
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Please email info@wickerparkbucktown.com or contact Jordan Miller at jordan@wickerparkbucktown.com or with any questions or concerns.