

Chicago Tree Project 2018 Application



Request for Proposals (RFP): Chicago Tree Project

Chicago Sculpture International, in collaboration with the Chicago Park District, is seeking experienced artists to give dying trees in Chicago parks new life. We are looking for a variety of artistic approaches that will celebrate the life of the tree and its impact on the green space. This RFP seeks an experienced artist (or artist team) to turn the tree into a sculpture. We are seeking beautiful, original, unique sculptural objects that will become a distinguishing feature in the neighborhood. The approach can be additive and/or subtractive. The trees will be approximately 16-30 ft. tall and may include main side branches. Some past projects can be seen at www.chicagotreeproject.org.

For this proposal, each artist should submit qualifications that address projects of similar scale. We are looking for evidence that the artist is comfortable working with the appropriate equipment and at heights required for this project. Selected artists must follow safety criteria and are encouraged to complete an OSHA scaffolding certification course.



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Please keep in mind the following criteria:

- Your approach will not compromise the integrity of the tree.
- Due to the condemned nature of the tree, the CPD reserves the right to remove it at their discretion.
- Objects created will not help people to climb the trees or cause attached objects to fall or need maintenance.
- CSI will provide the tree/site scaffold and a fence around the site during construction for a one-month period (artists can apply for an extension).

Also, sculptors must have, according to the Chicago Park District, “Commercial General Liability Insurance (Primary and Umbrella) on an occurrence basis with limits not less than \$1,000,000 single limit per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage. The Chicago Park District is to be named as an Additional Insured on a Primary, non-contributory basis.”

You may propose two concepts, but only one will be accepted. In other words, in the section "Describe your proposed project(s)," describe one or two concepts. Selected artists will be notified of an available tree that matches their concept drawing.

This RFP is open to professional artists or artist teams 18 years of age or older. Artists whose proposals are accepted, if they are not already CSI members, will be asked to join. There are many membership benefits, including exhibition and networking opportunities, a presence on our website and access to valuable professional information. See what we're all about at: www.chicagosculpture.org.

Stipend: \$3,500 paid on completion of the tree sculpture

Application deadline: Thursday, March 1, 2018, 11:59 pm CST

How to apply

Submit this application along with a maximum of 6 digital images. Images should be of proposal drawings for this project and relevant past work. Please send images as jpegs (sized 5" x 8", 150 DPI, 500k or less), and indicate the file name in the following format:

1. Lastname_title.jpg (e.g., 1. Rodin_The Thinker.jpg; 2. Rodin_proposal drawing.jpg, etc.).
Submit this application, along with your images, to submissionscsi@gmail.com.

Your subject line will be “Chicago Tree Project 2018 Proposal.”

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Name	
Street Address	
E-mail	
Web site	
Phone Number	
Summarize your qualifications to do this kind of project. List specific past projects that are relevant to your proposal(s).	

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Describe your proposed project(s).

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Image List