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**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**  
**Central Connecticut State University**  
**New Britain, Connecticut**

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**About the Art in Public Spaces Program:**

Connecticut's Art in Public Spaces program was established in 1978 and requires 1% of the cost of construction or renovation of publicly accessible state buildings be allocated for the commission or purchase of artwork as part of the building's construction project. The [Connecticut Office of the Arts](http://www.cultureandtourism.org) and the Department of Construction Services jointly administer the Art in Public Spaces Program. Visit the [Art in Public Spaces](http://www.cultureandtourism.org) program webpage for further information about the program and to view past installations throughout the state.

**Project Summary:**

The Connecticut Office of the Arts (COA) and [Central Connecticut State University \(CCSU\)](http://www.ccsu.edu) are seeking the qualifications of artists for a digital interactive campus map for the interior lobby of the Public Safety building on the campus of CCSU in New Britain, CT.

**Budget: \$28,000**

**RFQ Deadline:** February 26, 2014

**Eligibility:**

Artists MUST be registered in the Artist Registry. Submit a new registration or update an existing profile by the deadline indicated above. Review the [COA Artist Registry](http://www.cultureandtourism.org) for more information about the registration process or email questions to [ArtistRegistry@ct.gov](mailto:ArtistRegistry@ct.gov).

The CCSU Public Safety Building project is open to both in-state and out-of-state artists; however, preference will be given to regional artists. Any artist shortlisted and requested by COA to develop a site-specific proposal for this opportunity MUST conduct a campus site visit in advance of developing a proposal and be available to present the proposal personally to the CCSU selection committee.

**About Central Connecticut State University and the Public Safety Building:**

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) is located in New Britain and is one of four state universities within the Connecticut State University System. CCSU is a community of learners, with over 12,000 students enrolled, and is dedicated to teaching and scholarship. The university encourages the development and application of knowledge and ideas through research and outreach activities and prepares students to be thoughtful, responsible and successful citizens.

The new Public Safety building on the corner of East Street (RT 175 and Wells Street), functions both as a police station and a campus information center for students and visitors. The building was designed with an inviting presence for campus and community visitors. The building serves as a vital support services location consistent with the daily functions of a university police department, yet it provides essential program space for the administration, patrol, and special services divisions.

**Project Description:**

CCUS is interested in an interior work of art that will serve as a *campus welcome center interactive map*. The Public Safety building is located at the corner of campus and near the on/off ramps of nearby route 9 and therefore brings in a steady flow of visitors seeking more information about campus and the surrounding community. The lobby is comfortable and inviting and has available wall space appropriately suited for a wall mounted 75" flat screen monitor along with an interactive kiosk unit used to activate the programming displayed on the monitor.

An artist may use programming such as Google Earth to serve as a directory; then expand with a wayfinding campus directory which connects visitors to the various campus destinations. CCSU currently uses digital signage throughout campus. This existing signage may be considered in the development of this project.

**Project Requirements:**

The programming of the artwork needs to be mindful of future expansion/adaptations at CCSU. The artwork must be capable of updates both in terms of how the campus changes and grows over time and in relation to the changing needs of technology.

CCSU will provide the power and data lines necessary for the artwork but all other hardware, software, design, fabrication and installation costs associated with the project will be the responsibility of the artist.

**Project Timeline** *(all dates are subject to change)*

RFQ Deadline:	February 26, 2014
Identify shortlisted artists for proposal development:	March 2014
Mandatory site meeting at CCSU:	March or April 2014
Artist selected by:	June 2014

**Contacts:**

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