



**CITY OF PORT ARANSAS, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
SEALED BID – RFQ — MEMORIAL SCULPTURE PROJECT**

NOTICE TO QUALIFIED ARTISTS/TEAMS

The City of Port Aransas, Texas, invites submission of sealed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from professional artists or artist teams interested in designing and creating a memorial sculpture honoring lives lost at sea. Submissions must be clearly marked:

SEALED BID – RFQ MEMORIAL SCULPTURE

and delivered to:

City Hall

City of Port Aransas
710 W. Avenue A
Port Aransas, Texas 78373

Deadline for Submission:

Submittals must be received by **3:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, September 25, 2025.**

Late or unmarked proposals will be returned unopened.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

Submissions shall be publicly opened at City Hall immediately following the deadline.

REQUEST AND SOLICITATION DETAILS

The City seeks submissions of qualifications—not conceptual designs—for creation of a life-size or larger outdoor sculpture, located at the northernmost point of Roberts Point Park overlooking the waterfront and maritime areas.

Qualifications should demonstrate:

- Experience with large-scale public art or memorial installations
- Familiarity with materials suited for coastal environments (e.g. marine-grade bronze, treated metals, stone)
- Artistic approach that reflects maritime heritage, remembrance, hope, and community connection

Submission Requirements (in a sealed envelope):

1. Cover sheet plainly marked with the project name and applicant's contact information
2. Artist resume/CV or team CVs
3. Letter of Interest detailing your artistic approach, relevant experience, and conceptual connection
4. Portfolio: images and descriptions of 3–5 completed public art projects of similar scope
5. At least two professional references with contact info

**Format Guidelines:**

- Submit 1 original hard copy (signed by an authorized agent) and 1 digital copy (PDF) on a flash drive
- Clearly mark the envelope:
- Attn: City Secretary
- “RFQ – MEMORIAL SCULPTURE”
- City of Port Aransas
- 710 W. Avenue A
- Port Aransas, Texas 78373
- No faxed submissions accepted
- Late submittals will not be considered (aptx.gov, aptx.gov)

Timeline (Updated):

- **RFQ First Publication:** August 21, 2025 (South Jetty Newspaper)
- **Submission Deadline:** September 25, 2025, by 3:00 p.m. CST
- **Qualifications Review & Shortlisting:** Sept 26–Oct 9, 2025
- **Notification of Finalists:** On or before October 9, 2025
- **Invitation to Submit Concept Proposals:** Mid-October 2025
- **Installation Deadline:** September 30, 2026

Evaluation Criteria:

Submissions will be evaluated on:

- Artistic merit and thematic alignment
- Experience with public art and outdoor installations
- Durability and material appropriateness for coastal conditions
- Ability to convey emotional impact and community relevance

Finalists will be invited to submit concept proposals and present to the selection panel.

Inquiries:

Direct questions to:

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