Introduction
The Columbus Regional Airport Authority seeks to expand the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial at Rickenbacker International Airport with the addition of a mural. This mural will be completed prior to and on display for an estimated 40,000 people expected to attend the 2024 Columbus Air Show held at Rickenbacker June 14-16, 2024. This mural will remain on display after the airshow as an important element of the memorial, which is visited by plane spotters and the general public throughout the year. The goal of the memorial, and thereby the mural, is to commemorate the rich history of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Project overview
The Tuskegee Airmen Memorial is adjacent to the control tower and includes a memorial stone and benches, which provide space to reflect upon the contributions of these legendary men of World War II. They were once stationed at Lockbourne Army Air Base, now known as Rickenbacker International Airport. The mural will be painted on a wall associated with the adjacent control tower.

- Memorial Stone
- Benches and walkway leading toward the memorial stone with the mural wall in the background

- Mural wall totals nearly 371 sq. ft. (39 ft. X 9 ft., 4 in). Bushes will be removed.
Address/Directions
- Proceed to the Cell Phone Lot at Rickenbacker International Airport, 7400 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43217
- Follow the signs on Alum Creek Drive to the Cell Phone Waiting Lot, which is located adjacent to the air traffic control tower and Tuskegee Memorial. This area is open to the public and the wall for the mural can be visited at any time.

Specifications
- The mural wall is approximately 39 ft. X 9 ft., 4 in., totaling nearly 371 square feet.
- The mural will be painted directly onto the textured wall, which is currently finished with Texcote Fine. The artist or artist team may prime the wall prior to installation.
- Artist’s or artist teams’ materials and design must be durable to withstand potentially severe and hazardous weather including sun, humidity, high winds, seasonal precipitation and other harsh conditions without extensive maintenance.
- The artist or artist team must coat the mural after installation to protect against graffiti.

Budget
- $12,000
- This “all-in” budget covers all costs associated with the creation and installation of the mural including but not limited to prepping and finishing the wall, supplies, materials, labor and travel costs.
- The Columbus Regional Airport Authority will not be responsible for budget overruns.

Artist eligibility
- To be eligible for this project the artist or artist team must be a resident of Ohio.

Publicity
- Artist or artist team must be willing and available to participate in onsite media promotions during mutually agreed upon times June 10-16, 2024.
Selection Process
- Applications will be reviewed by the selection committee. One or more applicants or applicant teams will be selected as finalists and notified by January 26, 2024.
- Finalists will have the opportunity to provide their proposed mural design by 4 p.m. Feb. 28, 2024. Finalists who submit a proposed mural design will be paid $400.
- One artist or artist team will be hired to install the actual mural.

How To Apply
- All applicants are required to submit the items listed below by 4 p.m. **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**. Late and/or incomplete submittals will not be considered.
- Consolidate all materials into a single Google docs folder and email the folder link to Angie Tabor, Senior Manager of Customer Experience & Marketing, at ATabor@ColumbusAirports.com
- Artists should call 614-239-4081 if they have not received confirmation of receipt within 24 hours.

Submissions Requirements
- Letter of interest, limited to one page in PDF format. Provide a short narrative explaining your interest and your artistic approach.
- Current resume detailing professional artistic accomplishments, highlighting experience from past murals or other public art projects in PDF format.
- Up to 10 images of previous work. Images must be labeled with artist’s last name and numbered according to Image List and sized at 72 DPI, 2000 pixels on the longest side, JPG format. (exp: LastName01.jpg)
- Image list – Image number, title, media, size, date, location, description of work, including awards if applicable. PDF format.
- Professional references – Provide up to three references with the following information: Name, organization/title, address, phone number and email in PDF format.

Selection Committee
- Submissions will be evaluated by a committee comprised of Columbus Regional Airport Authority staff and a representative of a Tuskegee Airmen Ohio Memorial Chapter. A representative of the Greater Columbus Arts Council will serve in an advisory role.

Evaluation Criteria

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<td>Past performance and experience with projects of similar scope and size</td>
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<td>Demonstrated understanding of the cultural significance of the project</td>
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**Timeline**

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<td>Dec. 11, 2023</td>
<td>Call to Artists released</td>
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<td><strong>Jan. 17, 2024</strong></td>
<td><strong>4 p.m. submittal deadline</strong></td>
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<td>Jan. 26, 2024</td>
<td>Finalists notified</td>
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<td><strong>Feb. 28, 2024</strong></td>
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<td>March 2024</td>
<td>Artist named; contract distributed, signed and returned</td>
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<td>May 1, 2024</td>
<td>Artist can begin work as early as May 1, weather permitting</td>
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<td>May 30, 2024</td>
<td>Mural completed and sealed no later than May 30</td>
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<td><strong>June 10-16, 2024</strong></td>
<td><strong>Artist available for onsite and media promotions before and during the Columbus Air Show</strong></td>
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**Questions**
- Contact Angie Tabor, Senior Manager of Customer Experience & Marketing, at 614-239-4081 or atabor@ColumbusAirports.com