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MDOT seeks Michigan artists for project near I-75 Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project

October 24, 2008 - -The Michigan Department of Transportation is seeking qualifications from Michigan artists interested in creating public art at two locations near the Bagley Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, which is currently under construction in Detroit's Mexicantown community.

The design award-winning Bagley Avenue Pedestrian Bridge, which connects the east and west sides of Mexicantown, will be used primarily by local residents, particularly during festivals and special events. International visitors crossing the border to the United States from Canada also will frequent the site because it is home to the new Detroit Mexicantown International Welcome Center and Mercado.

Artists are sought to create artwork for two locations near the pedestrian bridge, at a projected cost of \$50,000 up to \$100,000.

Deadline for submissions is Dec. 1, 2008. Applicants must submit 10 examples of past work in either 35mm slides or digital files, a work sample narrative, an artist's statement about the applicant's approach to the project, and a resume including three professional references.

Applicants will be evaluated on their conceptual approach in a "summary of the artist" statement; professional qualifications and experience; proven ability to take on a project of this scope; the artistic quality of their work; durability of past installed work; and demonstrated ability to work with government agencies, engineers, committee and community groups in the creation of a project.

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One or several artists may be chosen to create work for one or both sites depending upon the cost of the art medium they propose. The bridge, locations for artwork, and dimensions of the site, are illustrated online at www.Michigan.gov/gateway at the link to "Public Art" for the Bagley Pedestrian Bridge.

Applications must be delivered no later than Dec. 1, 2008, to the following address:

ATTN: Bagley Pedestrian Bridge Application

Regina Flanagan, Bagley Public Art Project Manager

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