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## **Durham Seeks Public Art Submissions for New Police Headquarters and 911 Center**

*December 1 Submission Deadline*

DURHAM, N.C. – Local, regional and national artists are invited to [apply](#) for the opportunity to design, fabricate and install public art to enhance the [future Durham Police Headquarters and Durham Emergency Communications Center](#).

From now until Friday, December 1, 2017, qualified artists or artist teams can submit their qualifications and interest in this project for public art integration into areas in the interior and exterior of the site. Application materials should include: statement of interest, annotated samples of previous work relevant to project, project personnel resume(s) and references. Full submission guidelines, project details and the submission portal are now available on the [Call for Artists webpage](#).

The [new complex](#) is currently under construction and is located on approximately 4.5 acres at the intersection of East Main and Elizabeth Streets in downtown Durham. The facility is expected to open in August 2018.

This public art project is sponsored by the City of Durham General Services Department and Office of Economic and Workforce Development in collaboration with the Durham Police Department, Durham Emergency Communications Center and the Durham Cultural Advisory Board's Public Art Committee.

Artists interested in more information about this opportunity should visit the [Call for Artists webpage](#) or contact Stacey Poston with the City's General Services Department at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254 or [Stacey.Poston@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Stacey.Poston@DurhamNC.gov).

### **About the City of Durham General Services Department**

The [General Services Department](#) creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include:

Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry, Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical and environmental assets. Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides, and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy.

### **About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development**

Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the [Office of Economic and Workforce Development](#) helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

### **About the City of Durham Public Art Committee**

The [Public Art Committee](#) serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making recommendations to the [Cultural Advisory Board](#) regarding project approvals.

### **About the Durham Police Department**

The [Durham Police Department](#) is a progressive law enforcement agency committed to public safety and reducing crime by providing the best quality of service, fostering public confidence and maintaining the highest standards of excellence as a community partner for positive change. The agency proactively fosters strong police-community partnerships that have earned various awards and distinctions in the arenas of mental health outreach, victim services,

community engagement, youth enrichment and technology and resource innovation. To learn more, follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Nextdoor](#).

### **About the Durham Emergency Communications Center**

The [Durham Emergency Communications Center](#) is the primary public safety answering point for the City and County of Durham. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the center helps to ensure that Durham is a safe and secure community by providing around-the-clock 911 access and services to the residents and user agencies in and around Durham County. Services include emergency and non-emergency requests for assistance; dispatch of police, fire, and emergency medical services; and other city/county support agencies. The geographic service area encompasses 296 square miles with approximately 250,000 residents. The center has earned the internationally recognized APCO Project 33 Certification from the [Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc.](#); Emergency Medical Dispatch Accreditation by the [National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch](#); and accreditation by the [Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies](#). To learn more, follow on [Facebook](#).

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