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Port of Oakland Public Art Ordinance at work!

Informational meeting outlining public art opportunities at Oakland International Airport

On behalf of the Port of Oakland, the Oakland Museum of California will host a public meeting introducing **opportunities for public art at Oakland International Airport**. This informational meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 5, 2003 from 7 – 9 pm** at the Oakland Museum of California and is open to anyone interested in learning about public art opportunities offered through the Terminal Expansion Program (TEEx) at Oakland International Airport. The current phase includes the design and construction of a renovated and expanded Terminal 2 (Southwest Terminal), a 6,000-space parking garage and site utilities. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2004.

In May 2002, the Port of Oakland adopted a Public Art Ordinance as one way of addressing its responsibility for the way its operations and actions impact the social fabric and the populations it serves. The Public Art Ordinance clearly outlines the way the Port intends to manage its new Public Art Program, which will provide the opportunity for the public to experience high quality art of enduring value that reflects the diversity of the region and its people.

Through a Request for Qualifications process, the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) was chosen by the Port of Oakland to manage the public art program for the Terminal 2 renovation and expansion and for the new parking garage. Under a three-year contract with the Port, OMCA is responsible to oversee the artist and artwork selection and approval processes, manage artist contract negotiations and monitor the design, fabrication and installation of the artwork. To engage and educate the community, OMCA will conduct public workshops and will prepare educational and press materials for public distribution.

On November 5, OMCA will host a meeting to disseminate information about the public art commissions. The Port will introduce its Public Art Program and provide an overview of the terminal expansion plans. Representatives from the OMCA Public Art Team will discuss opportunities for artists to create works of public art for Terminal 2 and the parking garage. Other specifications to be discussed are project scope, timeline, budget, sites of commissioned artwork, eligibility, selection process and criteria.

All professional artists who live or maintain a studio in the Bay Area are eligible to compete for these commissions. Full-time students are not eligible. The Bay Area is defined as the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo and Napa.

The meeting will be held at the Oakland Museum of California in the restaurant on the second level. The Museum is located at 1000 Oak Street (Oak and 10th), Oakland, CA. Parking is free in the Museum garage.

Port of Oakland Public Art Ordinance Vision Statement

A vital partner to the region's economy, the Port of Oakland is committed to a public program of high artistic excellence that supports, articulates and enhances the work of the Port, while providing enjoyment, education, access and a sense of the unique place that is the Bay Area.

It is the intent of the Public Art Program to provide the opportunity for the public to experience high quality art of enduring value that reflects the diversity of the region and its people. The Port is committed to commissioning a wide range of artistic styles, forms, media and disciplines that characterize the breadth of contributions an artist can make to the public arena.

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The Port of Oakland oversees the Oakland seaport, Oakland International Airport and 19 miles of waterfront. The Oakland seaport is the 4th busiest containerport in the U.S.; Oakland International Airport is the second fastest growing airport in the nation with more than 13 million passengers a year; and Jack London Square is Oakland's premier entertainment spot along the waterfront. The Port of Oakland was established in 1927 and is an autonomous department of the City of Oakland.

Oakland Museum of California's Mission

The Oakland Museum of California provides unique collections, exhibitions and educational opportunities to generate a deeper understanding and appreciation of California's environment, history, art and people. Museum programs are responsive, accessible and meaningful to the public, including school children, teachers, scholars, the immediate Oakland community and an increasingly diverse California population.

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