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**Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc.
Architectural Design Competition: Historic Indian Bowl New Construction
Lac du Flambeau, WI**

Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. was awarded a LINC/Ford Foundation Space for Change Pre-Planning grant for the renovation of a historic downtown Native arts and cultural space. Northwoods NiiJii announces a national design competition for preliminary drawings for new construction of the Lac du Flambeau Indian Bowl.

Project Description

There is an urgent need for a new facility at the site of the historic Wa-Swa-Gon Indian Bowl in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. In addition to a new facility this project must connect the existing George W. Brown Jr. Chippewa Art and Culture Museum to the new facility and integrate the Woodland Indian Art Center into the Indian Bowl facility thereby creating a multi-purpose Native Arts and Cultural Center for the preservation and promotion of the Woodland Indian Arts.

The new facility will have between 8,000 and 10,000 square feet of interior space. Construction costs are not expected to exceed 3 million dollars. The existing Indian Bowl building will be torn down and a new, energy efficient (construction to be equal to or better than Energy Star requirements) facility constructed. Connection to the existing Museum to new construction and integrate of the existing Woodland Indian Art Center will be part of the new facility creating a multi-purpose Native Art Center.

Indian Bowl New Facility Spaces and Use Minimum Requirements:

- Men/Women Dressing Rooms: to accomodate 30 – 50 individuals
- Men /Women bathroom facilities
- Concession/Kitchen area
- Ticket Sales for Outdoor Ampatheater
- Administrative offices –3 people
- Outdoor existing cement seating reconstructed or new capacity 2,000 – 2,500
- Outdoor multi-use ampatheater: PowWows, Concerts, Performances with performance stage/electric/sound system
- Art Gallery – 1,200 square feet

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Artist Classrooms: capacity to hold 3 classes simultaneously - one with sink/wet area
minimum 400square feet each
Storage area for art supplies
Space connecting Museum to Indian Bowl

Community meetings have indicated the desire for an energy efficient Indian Bowl facility that encourages year round use. The outdoor Indian Bowl portion of the facility will be a seasonal use space that is home to traditional Powwows, concerts, and cultural events in a “bowl” or amphitheater area.

Extensive community-based strategic planning between NNEC and the Lac du Flambeau Tribe over the past decade has indicated a need to leverage the cultural and artistic assets of the community for increased individual cultural and economic sustainability, preserve a rich cultural resource for the transmission of Native arts to flourish and be passed down for future generations, and restore arts and culture tourism to the community and the region while providing an increased cultural understanding and appreciation of Native arts and culture to the non-Native community.

The selected design proposal must:

- Be an energy efficient preliminary design concept including project cost estimates (cost estimates will be required for the winning design only)
- Be in keeping with the historic nature of the existing buildings and downtown district
- Show cultural and artistic quality, compatibility with the location, and durability

Design Competition

Architects/Designers will contribute preliminary drawings for the competition. The winning design will produce cost estimates within 60 days. All submitted drawings will become the property of Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. and may be utilized in future project development.

The winning design will be awarded \$6,000.

Selection Process

Blind Review: Names and contact information should be on the back.
Based on proposals received, a Selection Jury will recommend a preferred design or designs to the Project Team and Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council. The jury will

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include representative(s) from Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc, the Lac du Flambeau Planning Department, and two other members selected by the Project Team. The Project Team will make final recommendations to the Tribal Council.

Timeline –

January 5, 2011 – Site Walk Through
February 15, 2011 - Submission of proposals due by 5pm
March 1, 2011 - Selection Jury makes its recommendation(s)
Date TBD - Design Competition Community Award Ceremony
Finalists will be recognized and posted on the competition website

Submission Requirements – please clearly label all materials

Letter of interest in advance of design submission
Current Resume

A maximum of three 24"x36" competition boards for each design proposal

A non-required 'pre-design' walk thru for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, January 5 for those who want to see the site firsthand.

The winning design will then submit cost estimates and materials to be used and any other information relevant to the project within 60 days of announcement.

Every effort will be made to insure the safe handling of submitted materials. However, Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Please send submissions to:

Northwoods NiiJii Enterprise Community, Inc.

P.O. Box 986

Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

Attn: Indian Bowl Renovation Design Competition

For questions about submissions please contact Kathleen Kvern at 715-588-1514 or kathleenkvern@gmail.com

Eligibility

The project is open to architectural firms, architects, designers, and architect students age 18 and over, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, or physical or mental disability.

Architectural teams are eligible to apply.

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