



**LINCOLN AIRPORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
Exterior Planter Mural Public Art Project**

Issue Date:	April 2026
Submission Deadline:	July 2026
Project Location:	Lincoln Airport (LNK), Lincoln, Nebraska

Airport Authority of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska
Attention: Rachel Barth, CM.
2400 West Adams Street
Lincoln, NE 68524

Request for Proposals (RFP) for Exterior Planter Mural Project

Proposals will be accepted until **4:00 p.m. (Central) on July 9, 2026**, by the Airport Authority of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska (the "Authority"), 2400 W Adams Street, Lincoln, NE 68524, to provide the Authority with **Public Art Mural Project** for the Lincoln Airport (LNK), all in accordance with the conditions stated in the Request for Proposals (RFP) documents.

RFP documents may be obtained by accessing the Airport website at:

<https://lincolnairport.com/business-information/current-rfq-rfp-rsoi/>.

The Authority is an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) organization which does not discriminate against any prospective Responder on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability in the consideration of contract award. Successful Responder will be required to comply with all EEO, federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Since the Lincoln Airport (LNK) is a non-hub primary airport, it is required to have a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, 49 CFR Part 26. All DBE firms and small businesses qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit Responses. Additional information on the DBE program is available upon request.

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Lincoln Airport Authority (LNK) invites local and regional artists, muralists, and creative teams to submit proposals for a **Public Art Planter Mural Project** at the airport's primary entrance.

This project will transform **ten (10) cast concrete planters** into a cohesive designed public art installation that enhances the airport's sense of place and creates a welcoming first impression for travelers.

Each planter is approximately (photos attached to document):

- 10 feet long
- 30 inches deep
- 26.5 inches high

2. PROJECT GOALS

- Enhance curb appeal and visitor experience at Lincoln Airport
- Reflect Nebraska identity, landscape and community
- Incorporate aviation themes, movement or travel inspiration
- Create visually engaging artwork that is durable in an exterior, high-traffic environment
- Provide an opportunity for **local artists to showcase public art**

3. ARTISTIC DIRECTION (OPEN-ENDED)

Artists are encouraged to propose original concepts. Potential themes may include:

- Nebraska landscapes, prairie, and horizon
- Aviation, travel, and forward movement
- Community identity and local culture
- Seasonal or nature-inspired elements
- Abstract or contemporary interpretations of place

Color palettes may draw inspiration from:

- Nebraska natural tones
- Sky, runway, and aviation elements
- Airport branding (optional, not required)

Important - proposals may be:

- A cohesive design across all planters, OR
- A series with a unifying concept

4. SCOPE OF WORK

Selected artist(s) will be responsible for:

Design Phase

- Concept development
- Renderings or sketches for review and approval

Mural Installation Considerations

- Use of professional-grade, exterior paints or other materials suitable for:
 - UV exposure
 - Freeze/thaw cycles
 - Road salt and environmental conditions

Protective Coating

- Application of anti-graffiti, anti-fade and protective sealant

5. PROJECT STRUCTURE & AWARD OPTIONS

This RFP is intentionally flexible to encourage broad participation.

Artists may submit proposals for:

- **All ten (10) planters**
- **The management of multiple artists each complete a smaller number of planters for a total of ten (10).**

LNK may:

- Select **one artist for the full project**, OR
- Select one artistic manager to oversee **multiple artists for individual planters or groups of planters**

6. BUDGET

Artists must include a **proposed budget** in their submission.
Artists are encouraged to submit competitive and realistic bids.
The total budget for the project should not exceed \$40,000.00.

Budget should account for:

- Design
- Materials
- Labor
- Equipment
- Protective coatings

7. **TIMELINE (ESTIMATED)**

- RFP Release: April 8, 2026
- Submission Deadline: July 1, 2026
- Installation: Spring/Fall 2026 or 2027 (weather dependent)
- Deadlines may be extended if necessary

8. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Artists must submit the following:

A. Artist Information

- Name, contact information
- Resume or brief biography

B. Proposal

- Description of concept
- Approach to durability and materials

C. Previous Work

- 3–5 examples of prior work, including:
 - Murals
 - Public art installations
 - Exterior or large-scale projects

D. Budget

- Estimated total cost
- Optional: cost per planter

9. ELIGIBILITY

- Open to local and regional artists, including emerging artists
- Public art experience required
- Teams or collaborations welcome

10. SELECTION CRITERIA

Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Artistic quality and creativity
- Relevance to project goals
- Feasibility and durability of materials
- Experience with similar work
- Budget and overall value

11. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Artwork must be suitable for a **public, family-friendly environment**
- Materials must withstand **Nebraska climate conditions**
- LNK reserves the right to:
 - Request modifications to designs
 - Select multiple artists
 - Reject any or all proposals

12. SUBMISSION DETAILS

Submit proposals to: marketing@lincolnairport.com

Subject Line: LNK Planter Mural RFP – [Artist Name]

13. QUESTIONS

Contact: Rachel Barth, Director of Marketing
Lincoln Airport Authority
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PROJECT VISION

This project will create a memorable gateway into Lincoln, celebrating Nebraska's identity, creativity, and community.

LNK Planters Mural Project

Project Overview

The Lincoln Airport (LNK) is exploring a mural project utilizing the existing cement planters located outside the terminal. The Lincoln Airport recently underwent a \$56M renovation, completely upgrading the inside of the terminal and expanding gates. Curb appeal and an inviting entrance is critical, these planters present a highly visible opportunity to enhance the curbside experience with public art. During the warmer months, these planters are filled with native grasses and flowers.

Planter Inventory

- Total number of planters: 10
- Material: Cast cement
- Location: Outside the LNK Terminal (front curbside area), 2400 W Adams Street

Planter Dimensions

- Front height: 26 1/5 inches
- Back height: 30 inches
- Width: 120 inches (10 feet)

The sloped profile provides a unique mural surface, with greater vertical visibility on the street-facing side.

Notes for Artists & Designers

- Surfaces are raw cement and may require cleaning, priming, or sealing prior to painting (this will be done by LNK Airport if needed).
- Artwork should account for outdoor exposure, weather, high-traffic visibility and salt from sidewalks and roadways
- Designs should consider sightlines from both the sidewalk and roadway.



