

Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations
New York

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations invites proposals from design/architectural firms/specialists in art conservation projects for the work detailed below:

Job Location: 235 East 43rd Street, New York, NY 10017

Scope of Work: Conservation of a large mural in the above location. The mural is by a renowned Indian artist, M.F. Husain, done in 1993.

The project would include:

- Mural's structural wall reinforcement at open seams;
- Removal of damaged layers of plaster and paint exfoliation;
- Paint analysis to identify the chemistry of the original pigments & binders used;
- Restoring and retrofitting the upper terrace skylight against potential water infiltration by installing additional flushing, including the cleaning and polishing of the curved plexiglass, interior wall and parapets;
- Prepare CAD drawings of the Mural, Plan and Elevations with diagram and mapping of the damages to show conditions [cracks at seams & joints / paint exfoliation due to thermal expansion or water infiltration (wave-like curves), etc.];
- Structural restoration based on above to stabilize and correct the decay symptoms;
- On completion of structural restoration, mural to be preserved by salvaging affected areas, restore by paint infills;
- Lost mural segments to be reintegrated with similar paint system taking care to match artist design, drawing, paint viscosity, brush strokes and paint technique dynamic.
- Skylight restoration – CAD drawings of the skylight, Plan and Elevations with diagram and mapping of the damages to show conditions;
- Based on above assessment, a cautious structural restoration work to be done to the affected flushing system and decay symptoms – Remove defective caulking between the wall and top flushing; clean wall cuts and penetrations; install new stainless-steel flushing along the entire top of the skylight; waterproof the skylight;
- Remove airborne stains and watermarks from the internal curb wall;
- Clean and polish the plexiglass at exterior and interior surfaces with special plastic polishing system; and
- Any other work that may become necessary upon inspection.

Interested/qualified firms in the field may schedule a site visit to assess the condition of the mural and submit a proposal for its conservation, including for civil works that may be required (as briefly mentioned above). The cost proposal should be an all-inclusive lumpsum rate.

The proposals received shall be evaluated by a Committee and award of work would be based on the best design/plan and cost.

To schedule a site visit, please contact the Mission at the following address:

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The last date for submission of bids is **3 December 2018**.

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