



Allied Health Technology Building Southwest Applied Technology College

Letter of Interest: Donna Pence and Carrie Trenholm

Desire: We would like to express our enthusiasm to be considered as a participant in the beautification of the new Allied Health Technology Building under construction in Cedar City this year. It would be a thrill to design a glass installation in the Grand Lobby that allows colored light filtering through the room as the earth shifts its position relative to the sun. We believe that suspended colored glass panels of artwork can inspire, promote creative thinking, produce an atmosphere that invites and encourages learning.

Background: We have known one another through the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Learning Program since 2008. We collaborated on a two-day math and mosaic workshop for southern Utah teachers in 2010 and have worked collaboratively in various arts education professional development venues since.

- **Donna Pence** is a local Utah glass artist and an art and technology educator in the Salt Lake City School District and has had significant experience providing public art to commercial spaces. She has worked on eight large-scale public art projects in the Salt Lake area over the last nine years.
- **Carrie Trenholm** has worked as an arts educator in Cedar City for 30 years at both the Iron County School District and as the Endowed Chair of Elementary Arts Education at Southern Utah University. She has been a fused glass artist for over 12 years and has exhibited her work in various galleries in southern Utah. She has taken two welding courses at SWACT and was impressed with the instruction and courses available.

Experience: Donna's experience having worked with architects and designers both as a public artist since 2007 and for 10 years as a cabinet designer is an experienced collaborator. We will be sensitive to the palette of the other professionals, and the artistic expression of the community that will be living, working, and learning in this new space. In the past ten years, Donna Pence and a team of artists, [Homestead Glass LLC](#), have been providing large-scale glass art installations for the community, and numerous private commissions since 2000. More recent public art commissions include the Murray City Library (2012), the Magna City Fire Station (2010), the Emigration Canyon Fire Station (2008), the 5th South Bridge Project (2013), and the Redwood Recreation Center (2008). Further experience includes community art projects like Bridges over Barriers, the Tunnel Murals for the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City, and the Logan City Mosaic Bench Project.

Vision: We would like to bring this expertise to the Allied Building Grand Lobby in the form of a suspended fused glass and/or mosaic panel installation that would flood the atrium with colored light and pattern. As educators we can appreciate the diversity of the community that will be participating in this space as they are working toward their new careers. The contrast of a spectrum of color to the neutrals of the interior and exterior will add a stimulating focal point. We believe that the addition of colored light filtering through the room as the earth shifts its position relative to the sun, can serve as a reminder of the passage of time and change. Cedar City, with over 270 sunny days annually, is the perfect location to capture the radiant energy of the sun and refract the colored glass into a mosaic of colors.

Gratitude: Thank you in advance for your consideration, and if selected, we look forward to preparing and presenting a model proposal for a glass art installation for the new SWATC Allied Technology Building in May. We know the SWACT has made an impact on the lives of many in the community of Cedar City and we hope to have the opportunity create a work of art that is worthy of your consideration.

Sincerely,

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