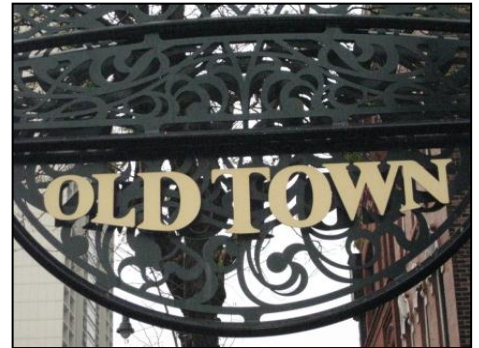




RFP for Outdoor Architectural Illumination on Wells Street in Old Town

The Old Town Merchants and Residents Association is a non-profit 501(c)(6) community-based organization with a focus on economic development and neighborhood stewardship. Old Town Merchants and Residents Association is the sole service provider for SSA #48 Old Town and seeks proposals for comprehensive lighting design and execution for SSA #48.

Background: SSA #48 (refer to *Exhibit A: SSA #48 Old Town Boundary Map*) is a special service area created on December 2, 2009 by the Chicago City Council. A Mayoral-appointed Commission directs the activities and expenditures of SSA #48 Old Town. The plans and execution of outdoor architectural illumination are sought for the area of SSA #48 Old Town only.



Intent: SSA #48 Old Town intends to give the architectural features of the Wells Street streetscape some illuminating upgrades. The ornamental gates, which have come to symbolize Old Town since first installed in 1999, are poorly lit with outdated technology. The Commission of SSA #48 Old Town would like to modernize the look and feel of the lighting on the Old Town gates. Preference will be shown to proposals utilizing creative solutions. The Commission is especially interested in solar-powered equipment. The gates are a branding tool for the neighborhood. They should be visible – along with the lettering – day and night.

A second contract to light the individual streetscape historical markers is also sought. Currently there is no power run to the individual historical markers. This contract would involve connecting each of the 14 historical markers to power and creating a viable lighting strategy for the standardized plaque mounting. Another option is a solar powered solution. Again, the intention is to maintain the place making elements of the streetscape; while making them visible day and night. Creative solutions and solutions with minimal light spillage are sought.

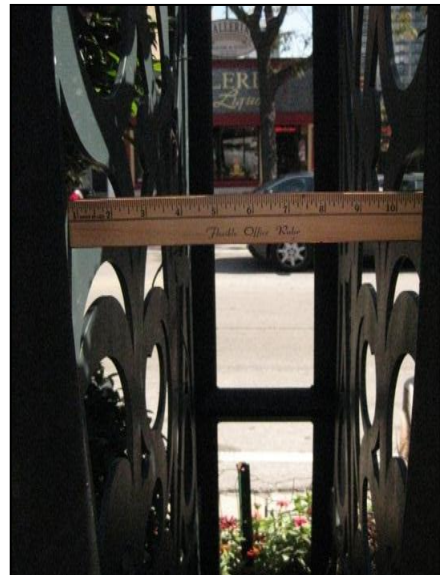
Scope of Work: The responding firms will need to think about this project logistically, architecturally, and aesthetically. There are three gates within the SSA district and five historical markers. This contract is for the architectural elements within the SSA district only. For the gates, the responding firm will need to obtain the proper permits from the proper governmental bodies. The wiring



will need to be upgraded if non-solar equipment is selected. A lighting concept will need to be chosen, and appropriate instruments must be selected and installed. To commence work on the historical markers, similar steps must be taken.

Selection Process and Criteria: This RFP is for a one-time project to re-light the street elements in Old Town. Commissioners from SSA #48 Old Town and staff will participate in the process of selecting the appropriate lighting firm. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

1. The firm's understanding of the process of obtaining permits from the City of Chicago to perform work on City property
2. Type and specification of materials to be used on architectural elements
3. Timeline for staff and overall project
4. Three references who are familiar with your work in this field
5. Budget
 - a. Cost of materials and list of tools to be used on project
 - b. Total amount of staff to be used for project, total cost of staff time
 - c. Cost per element to be prepared, re-wired, and lit
 - d. Cost of obtaining proper permits and permission from governing entities (CDOT), public way, Aldermanic offices (43rd and 27th Wards)



Total Number of Elements

Proposals should be sent to:

jblick@oldtownchicago.org

(email is preferred)

No later than Wednesday, 11.30.2011 at noon

Or

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For pre-submission questions, please call John Blick, SSA #48 Program Manager at the Old Town Merchants and Residents Association Office. For more information on SSA #48 Old Town as an organization, please visit www.oldtownchicago.org/old-town-special-service-area.