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Seattle seeks artist for Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop artwork
Selected artist to create new media work for urban trail

SEATTLE— Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with Seattle Parks and Recreation and the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), seeks an artist or artist team to create a new media artwork for the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop.

Named for a Duwamish chief, the six-mile loop links more than 35 pocket parks and waterways around Lake Union. The multi-use trail connects diverse neighborhoods and passes through a variety of urban spaces, including residential areas, industrial areas and a working waterfront with historical maritime uses.

The selected artist or artist team will create a new media project drawing on the history and/or context of the site. Possible media include podcast- or cell-phone based audio work, audio and/or video tours using mobile media and GPS, and walking tours or interactive events using the Web.

The call is open to professional artists living in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California or British Columbia. The \$18,000 budget includes design, fabrication and installation costs. The application deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010. A link to the online application and guidelines is available at www.seattle.gov/arts.

Once a thickly wooded place inhabited by the Duwamish Tribe, Lake Union is the geographic heart of urban Seattle and the historic home of lumber mills, boat-building and Bill Boeing's first airplane. More information about the loop is available at www.seattle.gov/parks/LakeUnionLoop/.

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The selected artist will develop the artwork in collaboration with representatives from the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, SDOT and Parks.

The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs promotes the value of arts and culture in communities throughout Seattle. The 16-member Seattle Arts Commission, citizen volunteers appointed by the mayor and City Council, supports the city agency.

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