

RFP for Central Florida Flowers & Ferns Mural at Orlando International Airport

One Jeff Fuqua Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32827

Deadline: May 12, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. MT

Budget: \$7,500 all inclusive

Installation: Summer 2026

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Opportunity

In keeping with its strategic pillars of *Customer Service, Community, Infrastructure, and People*, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority is seeking an application and preliminary sketch from individual artists or artist teams to design and paint an indoor wall mural, 6 feet high by 20 feet wide, at Orlando International Airport, outside the Lost & Found office, Level 1, Terminal A.

The family-friendly makeover in this busy area near rental car counters includes adding a new Lost & Found entrance and a children's play area. The "Central Florida Flowers & Ferns" mural will serve to:

- Add positive, playful color and design that is consistent with the airport's overall design theme, which conveys a sense of place that reflects the Central Florida environment, characterized by sky, water, and foliage.
- Serve as a Wayfinding beacon to guide passengers.
- Engage guests with vibrant representations of flowers native to Central Florida and create a memorable backdrop for photographs.

Art Program at Orlando International Airport

Orlando International Airport is solidly committed to a model program of art in public spaces and values the enrichment that public art adds to the passenger experience. The permanent art collection showcases a long-term dedication to integrating the arts into public spaces for aesthetics, wayfinding, and community branding. Highlighting locally connected, regional, national, and international artists in a variety of mediums, the art collection engages guests and tells the story of Florida as a thriving cultural landscape.

About the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority is proud to operate Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Orlando Executive Airport (ORL), two of Florida's premier air travel gateways. MCO is a world-class global connector, serving nearly 58 million annual passengers across its three terminals, A, B and C. Connected to an Intermodal Terminal Facility that offers high-speed passenger rail service, Terminal C is an inventive structure that elevates the customer experience with 100% automated screening lanes at TSA checkpoints. ORL is conveniently located just miles from downtown Orlando and provides vital general aviation access to the heart of the region.

- **Mission:** Seamlessly connect Florida and the world through exceptional experiences, collaboration, and creativity.
- **Vision:** Be the global leader in the evolution of mobility.
- **Values:** Service, Integrity, Efficiency, Excellence, Transparency.

Mural Site

Located in a public area on Level 1, Terminal A, by Lost & Found, the mural site measures approximately 6 feet high by 20 feet wide. It is located on the right portion of a longer wall that is slightly curved. The surface is painted drywall. There is lighting overhead.

- Selected artist(s) will need to work closely with Public Affairs, Operations, Facilities, and Security to coordinate safe practices.

Budget

\$7,500 artist fee, all inclusive.

Budget includes design fee, travel, mileage, per diem, fabrication, supplies, material costs, meeting and administration hours, labor, artist fees, legal review fees, insurance, documentation, installation, and licensing.

- Artist to paint the undercoating and the final mural using high-quality acrylic paint approved by GOAA.
- No overcoating required.
- Artist to provide maintenance plan for the finished mural.

Selection Process

- Request for Proposals (RFP) through CAFÉ



- MCO Art Committee evaluates qualified applications and makes recommendation for selection by GOAA
- Completion of artist agreement
- Final design approval
- Painting of mural on-site

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority reserves the right to reject any or all applications, proposals, applicants, or projects, and to modify or terminate the application process or the selection process for any reason and without prior notice.

Selection Criteria

Artists will be evaluated on artistic excellence as evidenced by submitted materials; professional experience; compatibility with the architectural design, facility environment and sense of place that reflects the Central Florida environment, characterized by sky, water, and foliage.

Eligibility Criteria

This opportunity is open to professional artists with a preference for regional artists with public art experience. A “regional artist” is defined as an artist who currently lives or has a studio within Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, Polk, Sumpter, Volusia, and Brevard counties. Artists may not be employees or independent contractors for GOAA.

The selected artist(s) minimum insurance requirements should reflect:

- General Liability of \$1 million per occurrence with GOAA as Additional Insured
- Workers Compensation in accordance with the requirements of the State of Florida

Application Requirements

- The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority uses the CaFÉ Call for Entry online service for its public art selection process. The full application can be found at www.callforentry.org. There is no charge for artists to register with CaFÉ. [LINK TO APPLICATION](#)
- Open to professional artists with a preference for regional artists.
- Experience with public art projects with a similar budget is not required but helpful.
- Professional resume (teams must submit resumes for each member).
- Letter of interest, outlining interest in the project.
- A photograph of a preliminary sketch for the “Central Florida Flowers & Ferns” themed mural.

- A minimum of two (2) images is required, and the maximum is 10. Images of finished works or concepts can be submitted. If images submitted are not of a completed public artwork, provide additional information to assure the selection committee of the ability to realize a public art project and that it will be completed and installed as designed.

Timeline

- Optional site visit: **Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 1 p.m. (details to be provided to interested artists)**
- Applications with preliminary sketch due: **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time**
- Artist Selection: **June 2026**
- Artist Notification: **June 2026**
- Installation: **Summer 2026, in coordination with renovation schedule**

Contact

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Central Florida Flowers & Ferns Mural Site

Outside Lost & Found Office

Level 1, Terminal A

Orlando International Airport

