

CRA SEEKING CONSULTANT FOR CULTURAL FACILITY New arts incubator coming to the Pineapple Grove Arts District

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DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency is requesting qualifications from consultants to conduct a feasibility study, development plan and facility business plan for an arts and cultural facility in the Pineapple Grove Arts District. Submittals are due to the CRA office by 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

The cultural arts facility will be housed in a 15,000 square-foot warehouse facility at 313 NE 3rd Street, purchased by the CRA in February 2010. The warehouse is envisioned to become an arts incubator, including visual and performing arts, and film.

The CRA is working closely with the Creative City Collaborative, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, which will oversee the development of the facility, work to maximize the economic impact of the warehouse, and manage the facility once the build out is complete. Founded in 2006, the Collaborative is designed to build the city's cultural infrastructure through the implementation of the City's cultural plan, adopted by the City Commission in 2006.

Responses will be evaluated and ranked by the Collaborative's Executive Committee. The final selection will be made by the CRA board.

Questions regarding this Request for Qualifications should be submitted in writing to Alyona Ushe at <u>ushe@mydelraybeach.com</u>. To download a copy of the RFQ, visit the CRA website at <u>www.delraycra.org</u> or contact the CRA office at (561) 276-8640.