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**PORT OF LOS ANGELES PLANS TO DRESS UP FISHING
SLIP BY ENLISTING LOCAL ARTISTIC INSPIRATION**



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – With the help of local, professional artists, the Port of Los Angeles' S.P. Slip in San Pedro will soon be home to one-of-a-kind art that reflects the unique history and culture of the Los Angeles Harbor area.

As part of its *From Bridge to Breakwater* San Pedro Waterfront Enhancements Project, the Port of Los Angeles has released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking experienced, professional Los Angeles County-based public artists to submit qualifications to design functional elements to enhance the S.P. Slip. Adjacent to Ports O' Call Village, the S.P. Slip is a historical waterfront site, one of few working fish harbors in Los Angeles.

Submittals will be evaluated on artistic merit, innovative thinking, relevant experience, professional qualifications and artists' references.

Along with various landscape options, seating, lighting and paving are additional artistic elements that will be integrated within the overall architecture and landscape plans for the S.P. Slip. Future proposed plans being considered in environmental studies of the area include a revitalized retail and restaurant village along a continuous waterfront promenade, offering the potential for a traditional fishing village experience.

"What better way to preserve the authenticity and character of San Pedro than by honoring the history of the S.P. Slip and culture of the community's fishermen through public art?" said Stacey Jones, Director of Engineering Development at the Port of Los Angeles. "These artists will contribute to a piece of history that will accent our waterfront for years to come."

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A copy of the complete RFQ is available on the *From Bridge to Breakwater* San Pedro Waterfront Promenade website at www.sanpedrowaterfront.com. Interested candidates should contact Fine Arts Services at (213) 617-2217, or art@fineartsservices.com, for more information. Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2005.

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