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## Alaska Arts Council Requesting Qualifications for AVTEC Culinary Academy Public Art

JUNEAU, Alaska—The Alaska State Council on the Arts is requesting qualifications for public art at the new AVTEC Culinary Academy facility in Seward. Construction of the new 13,000 square-foot Culinary Academy began in June and is scheduled for completion in August.

The AVTEC Public Art Selection Committee requests qualifications from artists for interior and exterior public art. The committee is interested in artwork that is uplifting, cheery and reflects culinary themes. Themes that remain current over time are preferred. Artwork should complement existing architectural materials, style, and color scheme.

Artists may be considered for more than one site. Applications will be judged on a competitive basis from which up to five semi-finalists may be selected for each site. Finalists will be paid to develop a final proposal. The committee will select the final site and the best possible artwork for each site.

The deadline for the \$62,000 project, which is open to all statewide and national artists and teams of artists, is 9:59 p.m. AST on Dec. 4. To apply, visit <a href="www.callforentry.org">www.callforentry.org</a>. Artists are advised to begin the application process early.

The Alaska Vocational Technical Center in Seward has served the vocational needs of the state for more than 35 years. A part of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, AVTEC trains a diverse and effective workforce that supports the economic growth and stability of our state. The Culinary Program provides training in job-related social and technical skills needed to build a successful career in Alaska's hospitality industry.