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CALL TO GLASS ARTISTS FOR \$75,000 LIGHTING COMPETITION

RexHall Realty, LLC; EDGE Studio and Pittsburgh Glass Center Collaborate to Upgrade Downtown Pittsburgh Office Building

PITTSBURGH, PA...Glass artists from across the U.S. are invited to submit proposals for "Sculpting Light on Stanwix." RexHall Realty, LLC working in partnership with EDGE Studio and Pittsburgh Glass Center seeks to upgrade its downtown Pittsburgh office building owned by its affiliate, Stanwix Lender Associates, L.P., located at 11 Stanwix Street, by commissioning an artist or artist team to design and construct a permanent glass lighting installation for the lobby of the building. The design and construction completion date is June 2009. The deadline to apply for the competition is January 30, 2009. For more information visit www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or call 412-365-2145 ext. 206.

The Project

The intent of the glass lighting installation is to:

- Create a new identity for the building and its new owners,
- Create a piece(s) of public art for the City of Pittsburgh, and
- Celebrate Pittsburgh as a home for and supporter of glass artists.

Artists selected for the project must be able to create their visions in glass solo or with a team at the Pittsburgh Glass Center, one of the top glass facilities in the U.S. Proposals must be submitted by January 30, 2009. A shortlist of three finalists will be selected by the end of February 2009. The winner will be announced in mid March 2009.

A panel of five jurors including architects, artists and community leaders will select the winner based on feasibility, visual impact, and compatibility with the existing architecture.

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The Building

11 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. is a 24-story modern skyscraper, originally built as headquarters for the Westinghouse Corp. The building was designed by the renowned architects Harrison & Abramovitz and completed construction in 1970. Its location at 11 Stanwix Street is in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh and looks out over the Three Rivers. The exterior of the building cleanly articulates its structure in bronze-colored steel and glass. The interior lobby, clad in lavish finishes including travertine walls, granite furniture, and terrazzo flooring, was designed to assure cohesion with the external features by repeating the bronze mullions and glass on three of its glazed facades. The lobby is open to the public during the daytime and has many visitors passing through the space who use its parking garage and cafe below. Applicants are encouraged to visit the site in order to acquire a better sense of the space, its design opportunities and the original architectural intent.

How to Apply

All applicants must submit the following information by January 30, 2009:

- Professional Resume
- References
- Concept Statement
- Concept Renderings
- Preliminary Budget
- Relevant Experience & Qualifications with Support Images

Details about the competition can be found at www.pittsburghglasscenter.org.

Applications should be mailed to Heather McElwee, Pittsburgh Glass Center, 5472 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 by 5:00 pm, January 30, 2009.

About REXXHALL Realty

REXXHALL Realty, LLC is a real estate company headquartered in New Rochelle, New York. REXXHALL is involved in all aspects of commercial real estate, including the purchase, development and management of a broad range of real estate holdings. REXXHALL Realty specializes in identifying under-valued properties and realizing the maximum value of these properties through careful development and management. The principals of REXXHALL are partners in numerous commercial real estate ventures, which include approximately five million square feet of office and industrial properties and several large development projects. They have successfully rehabilitated millions of square feet of architecturally significant buildings.

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About EDGE Studio

Founded in 1995 with a commitment to creating innovative architecture, EDGE studio is a diverse group of creative and experienced individuals whose work has earned the firm an impressive reputation for design excellence. EDGE's innovative approach to architecture has resulted in numerous design awards as well as growing interest from the Pittsburgh design community. The firm's open studio environment also includes graphic design services, which offer way finding, identity signage, and display documentation for the built environment. Learn more about EDGE studio by visiting www.edge-studio.com.

About Pittsburgh Glass Center

Pittsburgh Glass Center is a nonprofit, public access glass studio and gallery dedicated to teaching, creating and promoting glass art. A growing arts organization in the region, PGC is bringing new life to Pittsburgh's glass art legacy and maintaining the momentum brought to the region last summer by Dale Chihuly and Pittsburgh Celebrates Glass 2007. Learn more about the Pittsburgh Glass Center by visiting our Web site at www.pittsburghglasscenter.org or by calling 412-365-2145.

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