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**Monroe County Capitol Improvement Board Announces Finalists for Bloomington Convention Center Expansion One Percent for the Arts Project**

**Bloomington, IN** - The Monroe County Capitol Improvement Board (CIB) is pleased to announce the five finalists selected to propose designs for the Bloomington Convention Center expansion's One Percent for the Arts Project:

- [Hou De Sousa](https://www.houdesousa.com/)- <https://www.houdesousa.com/>
- [Benjamin Ball](https://www.ball-nogues.com/)- <https://www.ball-nogues.com/>
- [Jason Bruges Studio](https://www.jasonbruges.com/)- <https://www.jasonbruges.com/>
- [Kipp Kobayashi](https://www.kippkobayashi.com/)- <https://www.kippkobayashi.com/>
- [Matthew Mazzotta](https://www.matthewmazzotta.com/)- <https://www.matthewmazzotta.com/>

The Request for Qualifications for the project received 180 exceptional applications, all of which were reviewed by a recommendation committee composed of members of the CIB, the CIB BEAD Advisory Group, the Bloomington Arts Commission, and the Indiana Arts Commission. All applications were evaluated based on artists' experience creating site-specific artwork of similar scale and budget.

The five project finalists will submit design proposals for the convention center art project in early April 2026, and the public will be invited to provide feedback on each design via online surveys and in-person at several sites in Bloomington. Details about this public feedback phase will be announced in March 2026. The recommendation committee will review the proposal and public feedback in early May 2026 and share their top choice for the winning design at the CIB meeting on May 20, 2026.

The budget for the winning project is \$400,000. The CIB has also retained almost \$100,000 to curate a collection of local artwork in the convention center expansion once it is completed in 2027.

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