U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

REQUEST TO SOLICIT FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

This form is submitted by the undersigned to request the permission of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to seek outside, private financial or in-kind support for the Congressional art competition, "An Artistic Discovery" (Competition), in the Member's district, in this and future years. Your request is granted once this form is returned to you with the approval signatures of the Committee Chairman and Ranking Member.

Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Member Signature: _____

Office Address: _____

Office Telephone: _____

Staff Contact: _____

The Committee hereby approves the above request to solicit donations (including in-kind) on behalf of the Competition for 2012 and future years, provided any such solicitations adhere to the following guidelines and restrictions.

(1) Any written solicitation may not be on official stationery.

(2) Funds may be solicited from individuals, for-profit entities, and non-profit organizations for costs, services, or items such as framing the winning artwork; sponsoring an awards ceremony; prizes for participants; gifts for judges; and travel expenses to enable the winner and a parent/guardian to attend the unveiling ceremony in Washington, D.C.

(3) Registered federal lobbyists and agents registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act may not be targeted in any solicitation. Any solicitation of a corporation should thus not be directed to the corporation's government relations office, but rather to a non-lobbyist official with the corporation.

(4) Financial and other assistance solicited should not be directed to your office; instead, it should be directed to the participants or businesses involved in the Competition. Thus, for example, any prize for a winner of the Competition should be given directly to the individual by the prize donor, and funds to pay for a reception for the participants should be paid directly to the persons providing the goods or services.

(5) Rules of the Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards of the House of Representatives (Franking) may limit or prohibit the naming of the sponsors of the competition on official press releases and correspondence issued by the congressional office. You may wish to contact Franking concerning these matters, if necessary.

Date: _____

_____ Jo Bonner, Chairman

_____ Linda T. Sánchez, Ranking Member