

Hudson Square Business Improvement District
Request for Proposals (RFP): Design, Fabrication, and Delivery of Movable Seating,
Movable Planters, and Curbside Decking
Little Sixth Avenue Plaza | Hudson Square, New York, NY

Summary

The Hudson Square Business Improvement District (HSBID) invites qualified firms to submit proposals for the design, fabrication, and delivery of movable seating, movable planters, and curbside decking to support the creation of the forthcoming Little Sixth Avenue Plaza. The selected vendor will work with HSBID to refine design details, coordinate production, and ensure delivery and readiness for installation in Spring 2026.

This project seeks to build upon the design language and material quality established through HSBID's Hudson–Houston Plaza design (currently in development). Images and reference materials illustrating that design intent are provided in the Appendix. The selected vendor should demonstrate equivalent standards of craftsmanship, durability, maintenance-friendly design, mobility, and contextual design integration.

About Hudson Square

Since 2009, HSBID has overseen the transformation of Manhattan's former Printing District into a vibrant, creative, and forward-thinking neighborhood. HSBID's mission is to propel, support, and celebrate the neighborhood through programs that enhance the pedestrian environment, promote sustainability, and improve quality of life.

Further information regarding HSBID's projects and programs can be found at:
www.hudsonsquarebid.org

Project Background

HSBID, in partnership with the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT), is developing Little Sixth Avenue Plaza through the agency's Plaza Program. Located between Spring and Dominick Streets and adjacent to Spring Street Park, the project will transform a segment of roadway into an inviting public plaza that adds approximately 4,000 square feet of new open space.

Building on the success of HSBID's \$6 million renovation of Spring Street Park in 2018, the plaza will expand this lively area into a more welcoming and flexible pedestrian hub.

Supported by \$744,000 in New York Forward funding through the New York Governor's Office, the project will feature custom amenities and creative design elements that reflect Hudson Square's vibrant, artistic identity.

Final design approvals are expected in early 2026, with installation and opening planned for spring 2026. The preliminary design vision includes modular furnishings and planters, curbside decking, and a large-scale asphalt mural. The space must remain fully accessible to emergency vehicles and personnel.

Design Components

- Movable Benches on Casters: approximately twelve (12) lockable benches that can be repositioned by maintenance staff or emergency personnel. Benches must be designed

to incorporate armrests and integrated umbrellas within the furnishing to provide shade while maintaining mobility.

- Movable Planters on Casters: approximately six (6) high-quality, durable planters suitable for an active urban plaza environment. Planters must be movable and securable in place.
- Curbside Decking System (if included in final design): approximately twenty (20) feet long by six-and-a-half (6.5) feet wide modular decking platform designed to accommodate fixed seating and planters, and supporting a range of uses from seating to small performances. The decking system may be based on a pre-engineered modular product that can be customized for the site through selection of components, finishes, and integrated amenities.

Design Intent

The furnishings should:

- Demonstrate design quality, durability, and cohesive aesthetic suitable for Hudson Square's design identity.
- Be movable but securable, allowing reconfiguration and protection against unauthorized movement.
- Be fabricated for ease of maintenance, with materials appropriate for long-term exterior use.
- Include finishes and color palettes compatible with Hudson Square's family of public realm furnishings.

Coordination and Responsibilities

- The vendor should confirm its willingness to collaborate with a local NYS-certified Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) installer and may propose approaches that support HSBID's efforts to achieve the project's overall 30% MWBE participation goal.
- The selected vendor will be expected to assist HSBID in responding to NYCDOT requests for information during the design and approval process.
- HSBID will coordinate with a NYS-licensed architect or professional engineer to provide any required stamped drawings or calculations for furnishings and decking. Vendors must provide all necessary technical documentation, product specifications, and shop drawings to support this review and certification.

Deliverables

- Product specifications, shop drawings, and finish samples for review.
- Fabrication and delivery of all approved furnishings and decking by the agreed-upon schedule.
- Coordination with HSBID and its installation contractor for delivery logistics and assembly.

Site Conditions & Performance Requirements

- The plaza will be installed on an asphalt surface with mild slope, requiring all furnishings to rest securely and remain level.
- All components must be movable for maintenance and emergency access, yet securable against unauthorized relocation.
- Materials should be weather-resistant, corrosion-resistant, and capable of withstanding heavy pedestrian use.
- All finishes, fasteners, and assemblies must comply with applicable NYC codes and DOT Plaza Program standards.

Proposal Requirements

- Company name, primary contact, license/certification information, and a statement of qualifications.
- References including the names and locations of three (3) recent and, to the extent possible, similar clients with their respective contact persons.
- A detailed written response including a description of services, work plan, outline of tasks and responsibilities, schedule (including fabrication and delivery lead times upon order approval), and explanation of the organization of workers. If you anticipate subcontracting any of the work, information about the proposed subcontractor should be included. Proposals should describe whether the furnishings and decking are based on an existing modular system adapted for the site, or a fully custom design. HSBID anticipates the use of a modular, customizable system.
- Indication of whether your firm or any subcontractors hold relevant NYS professional licenses and are able to provide sealed drawings, or if you anticipate providing technical documentation for HSBID's design consultant to certify.
- Comprehensive fee proposal, including detailed costs broken down by each major component of the scope, and any other relevant cost information.
- Conflicts of interest disclosure.
- Indication of New York State MWBE certification status if applicable.

Schedule

RFP issued	November 10, 2025
Questions due	November 24, 2025
Responses to questions posted	December 1, 2025
Proposals due	December 12, 2025
Vendor selection	February 2026
Fabrication order placed	March 2026
Delivery and installation	May 2026

Note: Schedule subject to adjustment based on final design coordination and approval process.

Selection Criteria

In evaluating proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP, HSBID will consider the following factors, not necessarily listed in order of importance:

- Quality of the proposal and project understanding
- Consultant's expertise to accomplish the scope of work

- Past experience in providing similar services in similar settings
- Overall quality of the firm's management, professional reputation, and references
- Cost of services and schedule to accomplish the scope of work

Key Terms and Insurance Requirements

This section highlights a few of the key insurance and indemnification requirements applicable to the selected vendor. A full contract will be executed following selection.

- Insurance: The selected vendor must maintain insurance coverage meeting the requirements of the City of New York and the HSBID, including general liability, automobile liability, and workers' compensation, naming the Hudson Square Business Improvement District, the City of New York, and the NYC Department of Transportation as additional insureds.
- Indemnification: The selected vendor shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless HSBID, the City of New York, and their respective officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, and expenses arising from or connected with the performance of work under this contract.

Note: This section is provided for informational purposes and does not represent the full set of terms and conditions that will appear in the final contract.

Submission Instructions

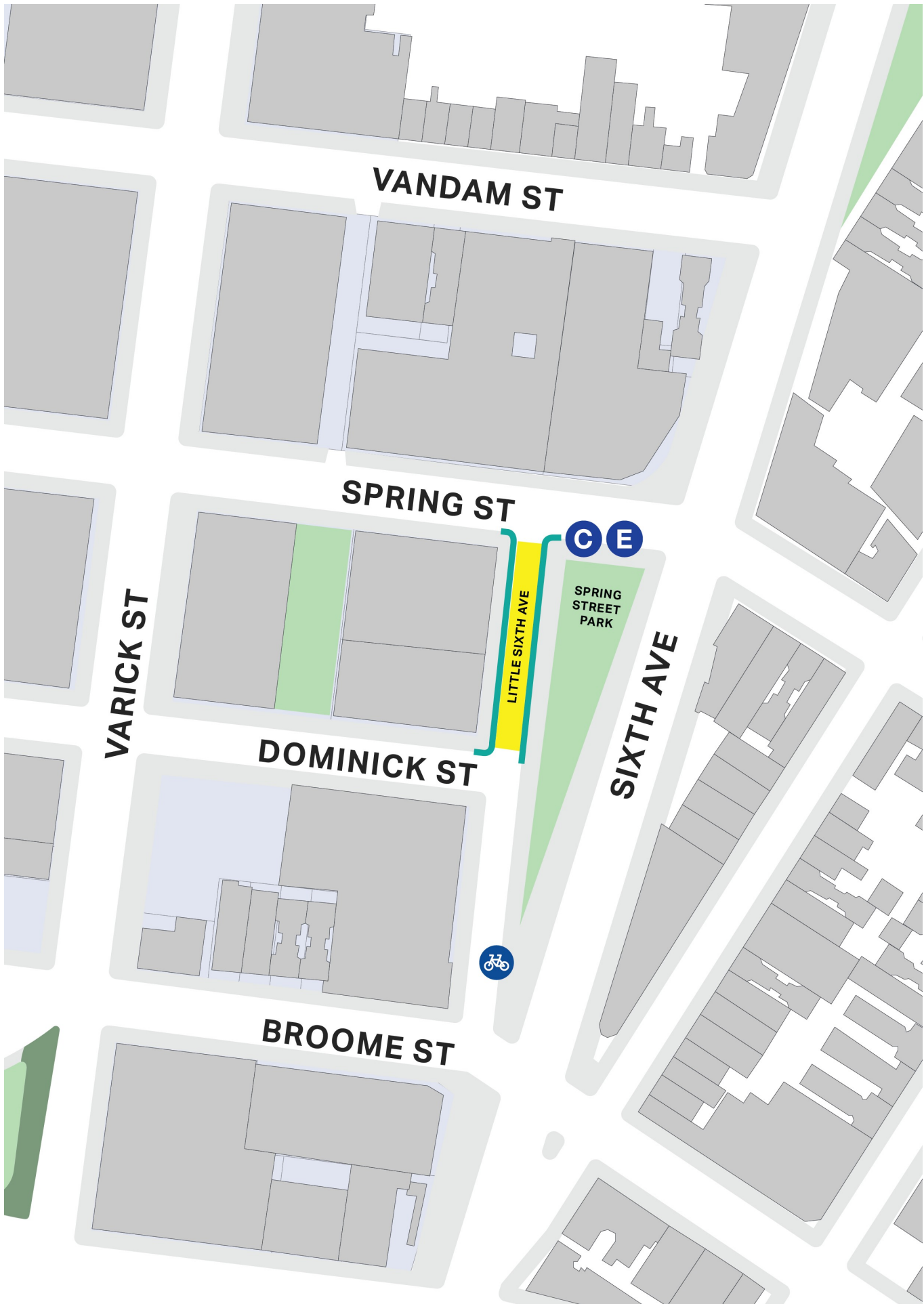
All proposals must be submitted electronically to RFP@HudsonSquareBID.org with the subject line:

"Movable Furnishings and Decking RFP – Little Sixth Avenue Plaza."

Questions should be submitted to the same address by the stated deadline. Responses will be posted publicly on the HSBID website.

Exhibits

- Exhibit A: Site context
 - Exhibit A-1: Context map
 - Exhibit A-2: Existing conditions photos
- Exhibit B: Conceptual design rendering





North end of block, looking south



Mid-block, looking south



South end of block, looking north



Note: Image courtesy of Metropolitan Urban Design (MUD) Workshop, prepared for NY Forward grant submission. Provided for illustrative purposes only; final design subject to approval. The conceptual rendering conveys the overall design intent and quality standard for the Little Sixth Avenue Plaza. Furnishings and decking shown are representative of the type of amenities envisioned to meet the project's goals. Equivalent products or systems of comparable design quality, durability, and functionality will be considered.