

Plan for Latin American museum and condos at Miami Dade College downtown could get competition

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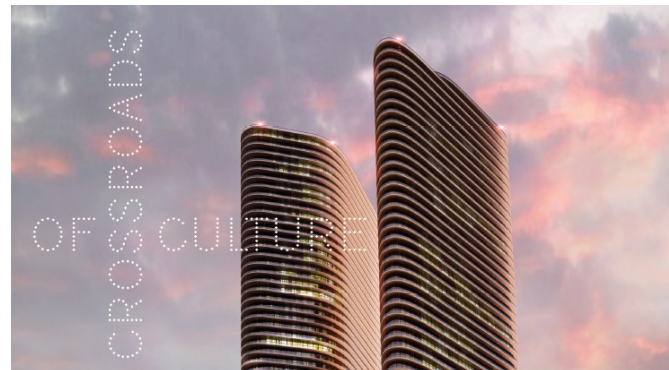
[Miami Dade College](#) is asking developers for proposals to build a project its downtown Miami campus, as it closely considers a recent proposal by a developer to build a Latin American art museum and condos there.

The college owns a 2.6-acre site at 520 Biscayne Blvd., next to the historic Freedom Tower and its Wolfson Campus. It's currently used for faculty parking, but with the city in a development boom the site with views of Biscayne Bay has proven attractive to builders.

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In May, a development group called Nader + Museu LLP sent an unsolicited proposal to MDC to build on the property and give the college a revenue sharing deal. On Tuesday, MDC issued a supplemental information package on its website for developers interested in entering into a similar public private partnership on the property. If MDC receives other proposals, it would compare them to the Nader + Museu offer.

MDC Purchasing Director [Roman Martinez](#) said the college's administration has instructed staff to pursue the proposals for development of the Biscayne Boulevard site.

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Interested parties can view the documents on MDC's [website here](#). The college will hold a pre-proposal meeting on Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. in Room 3210 at its Wolfson campus. The deadline for proposals is 3 p.m. on Jan. 19.

Here's what the applicants would be up against. Nader + Museu wants to build a 122,902-square-foot Latin American Art Museum designed by architect [Fernando Romero](#), a sculpture garden with signature pieces, donate original artworks from Miami collector [Gary Nader](#) to MDC, build a 1,600-seat performing arts theater for MDC that also serves educational programs, a 3,000-seat conference center, and a two-tower project. The first tower would have 144 condo hotel units totaling 142,272 square feet and 228 condos totaling 450,718 square feet. The second tower would have 300 condos totaling 692,100 square feet. A "Culinary Experience" restaurant would occupy 25,000 square feet of the ground floor and partner with MDC's culinary students.

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