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Bus Shelter Artists to tour The Gleason Works January 21

January 11, 2006, Rochester- The Gleason Works, the worlds' leader in gear manufacturi technology, is hosting a public informational meeting for artists entering ARTWalks' "Artistic Bus Shelter" project on **Sat, January 21, 2006** from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at The Gleason Works, 1000 University Avenue. A tour of the facility for artists follows the meeting at 2:30 pm.

The tour is particularly important for artists as one of the three shelters will be placed adjacent to The Gleason Works and must draw upon elements from the history of The Gleason Works; shapes, materials and objects associated with The Gleason Works products and processes; and the The Gleason Works' commitment to community.

"The Gleason Works has always been a great model of corporate responsibility to community in the City of Rochester" according to Helen Hogan, Executive director, South East Area Coalition. "This is another example of the company working with the residents of the area to form a partnership which benefits everyone!"

"We are very excited to be participating in this project" says John Perrotti, President and CEO of Gleason Corporation. "We are proud to be part of this community."

The project was announced at a press conference last month by the funding partners. The \$186,000 budget is funded by \$93,000 from the City of Rochester's "Sector Targeted Funding Initiative" monies, \$45,000 from RGRTA, \$20,000 from Senator James Alesi, \$10,000 from the Memorial Art Gallery, \$3500 from a "Culture Builds Communities" grant (funded by the City of Rochester, Citibank, and the Arts and Cultural Council for Greater Rochester), and \$2000 from The Gleason Works. Each of the three jury-selected shelter designs will receive up to \$44,000 commission to design, fabricate and deliver the shelter.

There will be two other public meetings; March 15 and May 20th. The deadline for submissions is June 2, 2006. The commissioned designs will be announced at this years ARTWalk Alive! on September 17th, and the dedication of the completed, installed shelters will be at ARTWalk Alive! on September 16, 2007.

The three shelters will be located along University Avenue westbound at The Gleason Works, 1000 University Avenue; 822 University Avenue at the corner of Elton Street; and the Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue.

Complete information is available on this project at www.rochesterARTWalk.org, or by calling (585) 234-6670.