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THE CREATION OF THIS MURAL

The Letterheads, an international group of sign painters, painted this mural for the City of Boise at their annual convention in 2000. Lead muralist, Bill Hueg, designed the mural and Yanke’s Machine Shop donated the panels. Letterhead founder, Noel Weber, and more than 25 volunteer artists worked for three days to complete the project.

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