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Navy Pier, Inc. Announces Shortlist of 11 Teams Invited to Participate in Second Phase of International Search to Redesign Pier's Public Spaces

CHICAGO – Eleven design teams have been invited by Navy Pier to advance to the next phase of its international search for a group to redesign the Pier's public spaces, it was announced today.

The 11 were among more than 50 teams from around the world that responded to Navy Pier's initial request for qualifications.

"The quality and experience of the firms that expressed interest in working at Navy Pier reflect the visibility and impact this work will have on the public spaces at one of Chicago's most iconic landmarks," said Sarah Garvey, Chair of the NPI Board. "Creating a shortlist was a very difficult task. We thank all who submitted information, and we were very impressed by the talent and enthusiasm of every team."

Today's announcement is the next step in the selection process to determine which design team or teams will work with Navy Pier on the design of the "Pierscape," an important part of the *Centennial Vision* planning framework for the redevelopment of Navy Pier.

The Pierscape includes Gateway Park at the west entrance of the Pier, the Crystal Garden, Pier Park, East End Park and the South Dock — along with smaller spaces that dot the length of the Pier. The work will include enhancements to the Pier's landscaping and streetscape along with the addition of fountains, public art and lighting.

"We were thoroughly impressed with the creativity demonstrated in the projects completed by members of the design teams that were selected," said Marilyn Gardner, President of NPI. "The remarkable breadth of experience on display gives us high hopes as we continue with the selection process. We are excited by what they have to offer."

The eleven design teams will now be asked to submit additional information about the organization of their team, the key individuals that would be working on the design of the Pierscape, and their design approach and philosophy. Then, approximately five design teams will be asked to submit design proposals and participate in oral interviews with Navy Pier. Final selection of a design team or teams that will work on the Pierscape is anticipated in February 2012.

NPI launched its international search for design teams September 1. The request for qualifications and design proposals sought teams that included a variety of disciplines, including landscape architecture, architecture, urban design, graphic design, lighting design, and art curation. Fifty-two teams responded, including over 250 different firms from more than a dozen countries

The submissions were carefully reviewed and evaluated by a team of advisors who provided input to the Board of NPI who established the shortlist. The advisors included,

- Lee Bey, Executive Director of the Chicago Central Area Committee,
- Greg Cameron, Chief Operating Officer of WTTW,
- Joe Caprile, AIA, Senior Vice President at Jones Lang LaSalle,
- Elva Rubio, Regional Design Director in the Chicago office of Gensler, and
- John Syvertsen, FAIA, Senior Principal at Cannon Design.

“The advisors and the Board considered the design teams’ experience on projects of similar scope, complexity, and visibility, and their competence with the various components of the Pierscape,” explained Steve Haemmerle, Executive Vice President of NPI. “These teams have a strong understanding of the unique character of the Pier and the major issues that we will face during the design process.”

“We are looking for teams that have exhibited design leadership and an innovative approach to the design of passive landscapes, urban civic spaces and active commercial environments,” said Haemmerle. “The teams on our shortlist have a significant record of accomplishment and standing within the design community.”

Reimagining the Pierscape is an important part of implementing the larger *Centennial Vision* planning framework to redevelop the Pier as it approaches its 100th anniversary in 2016. NPI and the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) jointly approved the planning framework before NPI took over management of the Pier July 1 under a 25-year lease from MPEA.

A list of the selected design teams is attached.

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A Design Team Search for the Pierscape at Navy Pier

Phase I Shortlist

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AECOM

BIG
Lead Pencil Studio
Project Projects
Speirs + Major
WET Design
Davis Langdon
Christy Webber
Tivoli International

Aedas Architects

Martha Schwartz Partners
Halcrow Yolles
Solomon Cordwell Buenz
Marshall Brown Projects
Pentagram
Fisher Marantz Stone
Suzanne Randolph Fine Arts

Frederic Schwartz Architects

Alejandro Zaera-Polo Architects
Thomas Balsley Associates
Arup
Atelier Ten
Pentagram
Fisher Marantz Stone
Nancy Rosen Inc.

Gustafson Guthrie Nichol

Diller Scofidio + Renfro
Magnusson Klemencic Associates
Pentagram
Tillotson Design Associates

Jacques Ferrier Architectures

Sensual City Studio
Tim Brown Architects
Agence Ter
Integral Ruedi Baur
Chris Rockey
Dear Production

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Terry Guen Design Associates
nArchitects
Bruce Mau Design
Leo Villareal
L'Observatoire International
Ed Marszewski
Fluidity Design Consultants
Patrick Blanc
John Greenlee & Associates
Chris Wangro
Billings Jackson
Buro Happold
Primera
HR&A Advisors
ETM Associates

Imelk

HOK
UrbanLab
Terry Guen Design Associates
Thirst
Zoe Ryan
Conservation Design Forum
HR&A Advisors
Magnusson Klemencic Associates
Sam Schwartz Engineering
Leni Schwendinger LIGHT projects
CMS Fountain Consultants
Karin Bacon Enterprises

OMA/SGA

SCAPE
Thirst
Tillotson Design Associates
Arup
dbHMS
Fluidity Design Consultants
Patti Gilford Fine Arts
Robert Kirschner
Davis Langdon
KLOA

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Brininstool, Kerwin and Lynch
Coen + Partners
GCAM Group
Mark Robbins
Pentagram
L'Observatoire International
Acoustic Dimensions
Arup

Xavier Vendrell Studio

Grimshaw Architects
Harley Ellis Devereaux
Arup
Studio Lab
Schuler Shook
Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle
Sarah Herda

Zaha Hadid Architects

tvdesign
Balmori Associates, Inc.
Halvorson and Partners
Space Agency
Seam