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FIRST ROUND JUDGING COMPLETE IN LID COMPETITION

(SAN ANTONIO, TX) – The rivalry between development teams has begun for the Low Impact Development (LID) competition in San Antonio. Twelve designs have been submitted, judges have assembled and eight teams have been selected to proceed to the finals on July 10.

The goal of the LID competition is to increase the San Antonio/Bexar County design and development communities' understanding of the economic, environmental and quality of life benefits of LID through the development of LID designs for actual Bexar County properties. The three competition properties are Hemisfair (Urban Redevelopment), the Port of San Antonio (Multi-Family Mixed-Use), and Evers Road in Leon Valley (Green Roadway).

Two finalist teams are moving forward under the Urban Redevelopment category. One team is comprised of employees of CGM and Associates, Cude Engineering, SA Comfort Construction, and TBG Partners. The second has employees from Bain Medina Bain, Fisher Heck Architects and MLA.

Under the Green Roadway category, three teams are going to finals. One team has staff from Muñoz & Company, Pape-Dawson Engineers, and Urban Biology. The second team under this category consists of representatives from GeoSolutions, Inc., MIG, Inc., and URS Corporation, and the third team is a group from Freese and Nichols.

Three teams will also reach finals in the Multi-Family Mixed-Use category. One team is comprised of Bender Wells Clark Design and Tetra Tech, Inc. The second includes Atkins, Ford Powell & Carson, Inc., Rialto Studio and University of Texas-Austin, while the third team consists of employees from Jacobs.

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“As a body, the finalist teams’ submissions reflect that low impact development design is both a cost-effective stormwater management tool and a great way to increase the aesthetics of our roadways, public spaces, and communities,” said Karen Bishop, the San Antonio River Authority’s Sustainable Watersheds Program Leader.

The first round of judging is 80% of the final score and was conducted by a panel of experts, each with pertinent experience and expertise. The expert judges are as follows:

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Steve Albert, P.E., Director of Land Development and Municipal Services
Aguirre & Fields Engineers

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Paul Barwick, Special Projects Director
City of Boerne

ARCHITECTURE

Kathleen English, Principal
English + Associates

Vincent B. Canizaro, UTSA Associate Professor; Department Chair
Architecture

LID

Aarin Teague, Ph.D., Sustainable Stormwater Specialist
Watershed Engineering, San Antonio River Authority

DEVELOPMENT

Edward A. “Ed” Cross II, Chief Executive Officer
Cushman & Wakefield Alliance

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Patricia A. Taylor, Ph.D., P.E., EPA Region 6
Water Quality Protection Division

H&H

Craig Loftin, P.E., CFM, Technical Lead Engineer, H&H Studies Section, Water Resources
Branch, Fort Worth District, US Army Corps of Engineers

TRANSPORTATION

Christina H. De La Cruz, P.E., Traffic Plan Review Section Manager
City of San Antonio-Public Works Department, Transportation Engineering and Planning
Division

ENVISION/ISI VERIFIER

Kevin Shepherd, P.E., ISI ENV-SP, Principal
VERDUNITY

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The remaining 20% of the judging will conclude on the evening of the awards ceremony. The finalist teams that were selected by the expert panel will present their entries to an esteemed local jury panel of influential leaders from the San Antonio area from the development, civic, and government communities. The scores will be combined and the winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on July 10, 2013, at the Pearl Stables. Individual seats, corporate tables, and sponsorship opportunities are available at <http://sa-lid-awards-dinner-july2013.eventbrite.com>.

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