



URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh

AWARD JUSTIFICATION FORM

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

DATE: 5/11/2015

PROJECT NAME: Greater Hill District Housing Study

SERVICES REQUESTED: A housing study of the greater Hill District to better understand the demand for housing in order to help guide investment strategies and provide for diverse patterns of housing occupancy throughout the neighborhood, while sustaining and benefiting current residents.

CONTRACT DURATION: 9 months, Approximately May 2015 to January 2016

DATE OF RFP: January 14, 2015

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: February 17, 2015

PROPOSALS REQUESTED: (Number) Open RFP process (sent to URA distribution list)

PROPOSALS RECEIVED: (Number) 19

PROPOSERS SUBMITTING: 4Ward Planning, Inc., Civic Design and Planning, CZB LLC, Delta Development Group, Inc., Desmone Architects, Econsult Solutions, Inc., GAI Consultants, Inc., Independent Consultants, Mosaic Urban Partners, LLC, Novogradac & Company, LLP, Omicelo, Randall Gross Development Economics, RCLCO, Real Estate Strategies, Redemptive Enterprises, RKG Associates, Scenius Strategies, Tresbri Development Corporation, and Vista Consulting

PROPOSER SELECTED: Randall Gross Development Economics

CONTRACTED AMOUNT: \$80,000

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: Past experience, performance on comparable projects, qualifications on the organization's personnel, technical merits of the proposal, approach to the scope of work, pricing information, proposed schedule, and MBE/WBE participation

SELECTION PROCESS: Each member of the Hill District Housing Study Selection Committee independently evaluated all 19 proposals. The Selection Committee was comprised of representatives from the

URA, Housing Authority, Mayor's Office, Department of City Planning, Hill CDC, Hill Consensus Group, and Hill House EDC. In March, the committee met to discuss the proposals and narrow the field down to four. In April, the final four firms presented to the committee details of their proposal and answered questions that the committee had. The Committee engaged in a long discussion about the merits of each proposal and a vote occurred that resulted in the recommendation of Randall Gross Development Economics for the project.

REJECTED PROPOSALS:

18 proposals were not selected (see above)

DEPARTMENT/AUTHORITY  
RECOMMENDING AWARD:

Urban Redevelopment Authority (Housing Department) based on the recommendation of the Hill District Housing Study Consultant Selection Committee

WAS AWARD MADE TO LOWEST  
QUALIFIED PROPOSER?

YES  NO   N/A

IF NO, DEPARTMENT AND/OR  
AUTHORITY MUST PROVIDE  
EXPLANATION:

The selected firm was not the low bidder but its price was in line with budget and most of the respondents. Firm qualification and experience were the primary determining factors in selection.