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City of Minneapolis Identifies Three Landscape Architect-Led Teams to be Interviewed for the Design of The Commons

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 (Minneapolis, MN) – On Wednesday, October 15, the City of Minneapolis closed its request for proposal period seeking a landscape architect-led team to design the Commons (formerly known as “The Yard”), a two-block, 4.2 acre area bounded by Park Avenue, 4th and 5th Streets, and a proposed building on 5th Avenue South. Fourteen proposals were submitted to the City from a combination of local and national design firms.

The City has narrowed the field of proposals to three that are led by the following design teams:

- Olin/Snow Kreilich Architects
- Hargreaves Associates/Damon Farber Associates/VJAA
- WORKSHOP Ken Smith/Perkins + Will

The three teams will be interviewed by a review panel that is made up of representatives of the different interest groups surrounding the project. The recommendation of a preferred design team is expected by mid-November with approval from the City Council anticipated by the end of the year.

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