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Navy Pier Evaluating Proposals for Phase I of Pierscape Redesign Construction

CHICAGO – One month after Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced plans for Navy Pier’s redevelopment as part of his *Elevate Chicago* tourism and trade show infrastructure program, Navy Pier Inc. is now evaluating proposals to manage the first phase of construction.

Navy Pier Inc. is issuing drawings and specifications this week to seven construction management firms that submitted qualifications to vie for the job of transforming the iconic Chicago attraction into a bolder, greener and more contemporary urban space as designed by James Corner Field Operations of New York. The first phase of redevelopment also includes improvements to the interior of the Family Pavilion and South Arcade as envisioned by the Chicago office of Gensler, the global architecture and design firm.

The deadline for submission of qualifications was June 10 and proposals are due July 15. Navy Pier anticipates choosing the construction management firm by the end of the month. Construction of Phase One is expected to begin in the fall; the exact timetable will be determined after discussion with the selected firm. The first phase of redevelopment is scheduled for completion in time for the summer 2015 season.

Key criteria for evaluating construction management proposals include price, experience and qualifications, proposed schedule, proven ability to manage renovation of a facility while it remains open and involvement of minority - and women-owned subcontractors.

The seven proposers are: James McHugh Construction; Madison/Evans Construction, LLC; Mortenson Construction; Pepper Construction/Brown Momen; Turner Construction Company; Walsh/II in One, and W.E. O’Neil Construction Company;

The selected firm will undertake reconstruction of the Gateway Park fountain, plaza and promenade, South Dock, South Arcade and the Family Pavilion interior.

The redesign of the Pier’s public spaces, or *Pierscape*, is the product of collaboration between the Navy Pier Inc. board and staff, a design team led by James Corner Field Operations (JCFO), a New York-based landscape architecture and urban design firm, and the City of Chicago. The Chicago office of the global architecture firm Gensler has worked on redesigning interior spaces, and served as executive architect, coordinating

both exterior and interior design. Gensler played a key role, too, in creation of the *Centennial Vision*.

It's estimated that first phase of redevelopment will inject \$108 million annually into the local economy and create 1,060 permanent jobs (full-time equivalents). Construction spending is expected to generate 1,659 temporary jobs.

Work on the Pier's *Centennial Vision* redevelopment is scheduled to begin this fall.

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