

Resolution Summary

General Session Date: October 13, 2009

A resolution authorizing a contract with Urban Design Associates for Professional Consulting Services for the development of the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan

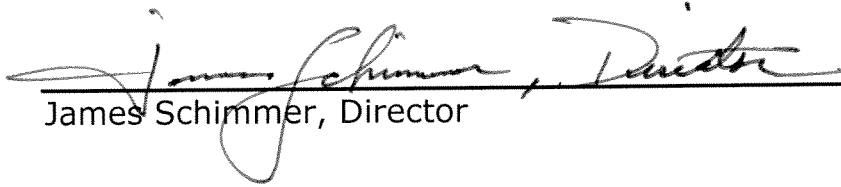
- The Big Darby Town Center Master Plan Client group, composed of Franklin County, the city of Columbus, Brown Township and Prairie Township (Client Group), hired Circuit Rider Management in 2007 to draft criteria and requirements for hiring a consultant to develop the Town Center Master Plan (one of the key recommendations in the Big Darby Accord).
- The Client Group put out a national call for proposals in November of 2007. A total of 12 proposals were submitted. The Client Group narrowed the proposal down to four firms. In February of 2008 the four firms presented their qualifications and ideas at two separate public forums.
- The proposals were then ranked according to objective criteria developed by Circuit Rider Management. Ultimately, Urban Design Associates (UDA) from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania scored the highest and was the unanimous choice of the Client Group.
- UDA has a national reputation for high standards and quality of work and is a recognized leader in creating new communities in environmentally sensitive areas. The UDA team was very energetic and dynamic in their approach to the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan project. The team also demonstrated a strong understanding of the current issues associated with the Darby Watershed and possible future issues throughout the course of the project. Finally, UDA identified the important need of actually getting the town center built, not just completing the plan.
- UDA will work with the Client Group to gather and analyze data, hold public meetings, conduct focus groups and other forms of public engagement and communications to develop a final Master Plan report for the Client Group. *Please see attached: Exhibit (a) Scope of Services*
- Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department shall be the contract administrator, fiscal agent, and primary point of contact for the work conducted and Town Center Master Plan phases.

- The budgeted cost of the project is not to exceed \$500,000 and will be shared by the four jurisdictions. However, Franklin County will issue the contract and be reimbursed by members of the Client Group. Additionally, the proposed cost of the project will be broken down over two budget seasons to help all jurisdictions in their budgeting process.

The following is a breakdown of the cost by Client Group members:

➤ Franklin County	\$280,000 (56%)
➤ City of Columbus	\$50,000 (10%)
➤ Brown Township	\$85,000 (17%)
➤ Prairie Township	\$85,000 (17%)

- The contract will be for a period from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.



James Schimmer, Director

October 1, 2009

Resolution authorizing a contract for Professional Consulting Services with Urban Design Associates for the development of the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan (Economic Development & Planning) (\$500,000)

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio adopted the Big Darby Accord by Resolution 864-06 on November 14, 2006 which recommended the development of a Big Darby Town Center Plan to help ensure well-planned growth and the preservation of the Big Darby watershed;

WHEREAS, through a national Request for Proposals the best qualified firms were asked to submit proposals to undertake the development of a Big Darby Town Center Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the top candidates presented their qualifications and ideas at two public forums; and

WHEREAS, a selection team comprised of planning professionals from Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County have unanimously agreed that Urban Design Associates is the best qualified firm to perform the various duties pertaining to the creation of a detailed development plan for the Big Darby Town Center within the framework of the Big Darby Accord ; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department will be the administrative and fiscal agent with Urban Design Associates in order to ensure that the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan is completed in timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County will be responsible for \$280,000 (56%), Columbus \$50,000 (10%), Brown Township \$85,000 (17%) and Prairie Township \$85,000 (17%) of the total contract amount. The project is planned to be broken down over the 2009 and 2010 budget seasons; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall be in effect on and between September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010; and

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the contract with Urban Design Associates for professional services associated with the development of the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan and attached purchase order is hereby approved.

Prepared by: James Schimmer

Cc: Economic Development and Planning Department
Purchasing Department

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

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CONSULTING SERVICES WITH URBAN DESIGN ASSOCIATES FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIG DARBY TOWN CENTER MASTER PLAN**

**(Economic Development and
Planning)**

(\$500,000.00)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Marilyn Brown, seconded by Commissioner John O'Grady:

Voting:

Paula Brooks, President

Aye

Marilyn Brown

Aye

John O'Grady

Aye

Board of County Commissioners
Franklin County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio on the date noted above.



Debra A Willaman, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Franklin County, Ohio