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Recommendation Received for Courthouse Square Owners' Representative

Salem, OR – An evaluation committee, representing Marion County and the Salem Area Mass Transit District, has recommended Golder Associates, Inc. to serve as an owners' representative as the future of the Courthouse Square complex is considered. Transit's Board of Directors formally approved the recommendation at their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 25. The Marion County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to consider the recommendation at their regular Wednesday, August 31, board session.

The county and transit district, joint owners of the building and adjoining bus mall, are seeking a firm specializing in owners' representative services to provide technical expertise and guidance as they determine a cost effective solution for the complex. Initially, the owners' representative will work with the county and transit to create request for proposals.

The 11-member evaluation committee was made up of representatives from Marion County, Salem Area Mass Transit District, and the Courthouse Square Solutions Task Force. The committee evaluated four proposals based on qualifications and criteria outlined in the formal request for proposals for the project. Task force representative and evaluation committee member Sheronne Blasi, an auditor with the State of Oregon with construction audit experience, commented, "The rigorous qualifications and technical knowledge required of proposers resulted in a pool of applicants with extensive experience and technical expertise to evaluate."

Golder Associates, Inc. specializes in engineering services and environmental services with offices around the world including Portland and Seattle. For this project, Golder Associates, Inc. plans to utilize the services of Case Forensics Corporation (CASE), also specializing in forensic engineering. Golder Associates, Inc. recently fulfilled a forensic engineering contract for the county and transit district relating to Courthouse Square. Evaluation committee member and retired civil engineer Bob Royer said, "Golder Associates clearly demonstrated their expertise in forensic engineering and materials sciences. They are a well-respected and established firm with significant experience in building remediation, post tensioned cabling, and concrete."

Once the recommendation is approved by both boards, county and transit staff will negotiate a final contract with Golder Associates, Inc. Solicitations for potential solutions for the complex are expected to be completed in early 2012.

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