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**SPRINGFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RECEIVES 6
RESPONSES FOR OWNERS PROJECT MANAGER SERVICES**

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September 13, 2010 – Mayor Domenic J. Sarno and Springfield Redevelopment Authority Chair Armando Feliciano today announced the receipt of six responses to the SRA's Request for Owners Project Manager (OPM) Services for the Union Station Regional Intermodal Transportation Center. The services requested also will apply to the transfer of funds from the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for a portion of the project.

The SRA owns Union Station, including the former terminal and adjacent baggage building and the site of the former Hotel Charles, and is retaining the services of an OPM to represent its interests in the design and construction of the proposed transportation center.

The firms that responded are:

Arcadis US, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia - Springfield, Mass. office
HEERY International Inc. of Burlington, Mass.
The Louis Berger Group, Inc. of Needham, Mass.
SKANSKA USA Building, Inc. of Boston, Mass.
URS Corporation - New York of Boston, Mass;
Western Mass. OPM Services, LLC. of Holyoke, Mass.

Those that meet the minimum qualifications stated in the request will be evaluated and ranked by a review committee designated by the SRA Governing Board. Top-ranking firms may be interviewed by the committee, which then will submit its list of the top three firms to the governing board. The process is expected to take four weeks.

The redevelopment of Union Station into a regional intermodal transportation center will establish it as the main transportation center for the region. Plans call for restoring the main terminal building and using the adjacent site of the former baggage-handling building for construction of a 23-bay bus terminal with a 400-space public parking garage located on the upper levels.

"The great response to the SRA request and the recent transfer of a portion of project funding is further evidence that this critical redevelopment project is finally moving forward," said Sarno. He expressed appreciation to the Federal Transit Administration and MassDOT "for the high level of cooperation that they have afforded us on this project."

In 2008, a redevelopment plan was announced for the long-dormant Union Station. "The plan is focused on creating a realistic and sustainable plan for a state-of-the-art intermodal transportation center with ancillary uses that will benefit the city and the region," said Feliciano.

On July 20, the FTA lifted a freeze on funding for the Union Station project, ruling that the SRA had satisfied requirements to become the "direct recipient" of grant money.

The SRA issued the qualifications-based request on August 4, 2010. The fee for services will be negotiated between the SRA and the selected firm.

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