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FORA Releases Request for Qualifications for completion of Regional Urban Design Guidelines

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) has released a solicitation seeking design/planning professionals to complete urban design guidelines at the former Fort Ord. The Regional Urban Design Guidelines (RUDG) are intended to apply to town centers, regional circulation corridors, trails, and gateways on the former Fort Ord. RUDG development will complete the process that began in 2005 with the Highway 1 Corridor Design Guidelines. Design guidelines will be used to inform the visual character of new development on the former base.

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is the first of a two-phase process to identify and select the best consultant team to work with FORA and its land use jurisdictional communities to complete the RUDG. Once Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) are received, a group of finalist teams will be selected by a review panel and invited to participate in a competitive proposal process. Deadline for submissions of SOQs is 5:00pm on Tuesday April 15th.

The two-stage selection process is intended to recruit the very best urban design professionals to focus on the former Fort Ord. The RUDG process is envisioned to take place over the coming months of 2014 and involve significant stakeholder input and public engagement. Workshops are expected to take place beginning in early summer. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in the workshops.

More information about the RFQ- RUDG process can be found at www.fora.org/RUDG.html or by contacting Josh Metz at FORA (831) 883-3672 or josh@fora.org. Links to the adopted 1997 Base Reuse Plan (BRP) and other supporting documents are also available at www.fora.org.

FORA's mission is to prepare, adopt, finance, and implement a plan for the former Fort Ord, including land use, transportation systems, conservation of land/water, recreation and business operations. In order to meet these objectives, FORA adopted the BRP as the official local regional plan to enhance and deliver promised economic recovery, while protecting designated natural resources.