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GSA SELECTS ARCHITECTURE SHORTLIST FOR THE SAN YSIDRO BORDER STATION RECONFIGURATION PROJECT

San Francisco, CA— The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) announced last week that seven architect/engineer (A/E) design teams have been selected for interviews to provide concept design services for the reconfiguration of the San Ysidro Border Station in San Ysidro, CA.

The project proposes the reconfiguration and reconstruction of the existing Port of Entry at San Ysidro to improve safety, security and operations. Work involves expansion of primary and secondary inspection areas, construction of administrative office space, widening of the northbound lanes, installation of up to 50 northbound primary inspection booths, and construction of overhead canopies.

GSA is using the Design Excellence procurement process for this solicitation. The selected design firms will now assemble complete A/E teams and participate in formal interviews with the GSA A/E selection panel. One firm will be selected. The seven design firms to be interviewed include:

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| Cannon Design | Los Angeles, CA |
| Kohn Pederson Fox Associates | New York, NY |
| OWP/P | Chicago, IL |
| Ross Drulis Cusenbery Architects | Sonoma, CA |
| Skidmore Owings & Merrill | Los Angeles, CA |
| Rafael Vinoly Architects | New York, NY |
| Zimmer Gunsels Frasca Partnership | Los Angeles, CA |

Formal interviews are expected to take place in mid-September, and GSA will make the final design selection in late October. Award will be made, subject to funding, in early 2004. The project is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2010. The estimated construction cost range is between \$160 million and \$170 million.

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