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VIABLE LID PROJECT PROPERTIES COULD CHANGE THE FACE OF SA DEVELOPMENT

Winners of city's first-ever LID design competition to be determined July 10

(SAN ANTONIO, TX) – After more than four months of competition, only eight teams remain in San Antonio's first-ever Low Impact Development (LID) Design Competition organized by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) in partnership with the San Antonio Land/Water Sustainability Forum. The final round of judging will take place at the award ceremony on July 10, and the winning team in each category will be awarded \$15,000. Individual seats and corporate tables are currently available for purchase, as are sponsorship opportunities.

“As San Antonio's population continues to grow, SARA is working diligently to highlight the benefits of LID and push for more sustainable land development in the communities we serve,” said Karen Bishop, SARA's Sustainable Watersheds Program Leader. “The three project properties selected for this competition have the potential, if designed as recommended by the finalist teams, to become the embodiment of sustainable development in our city.”

Created with the goal of increasing the understanding of the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of LID within the design and development communities in San Antonio and throughout Bexar County, the competition involves three judiciously selected properties: Hemisfair, Evers Road in Leon Valley, and Port San Antonio. The finalist teams have illustrated that all three properties can utilize and benefit from LID design.

“Port San Antonio is proud to support San Antonio's Low Impact Development Design Competition,” said Port San Antonio President & CEO Bruce Miller. “As the Port redevelops its 1,900-acre property and millions of square feet of facilities, it is following best practices in

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sustainable development and building science that is producing the lowest cost of operations for business.”

Port of San Antonio was chosen as a LID project because it embraces the principles of new urbanism to increase density through multi-family, mixed-use development within an area receiving high runoff volumes, which provides the design teams an excellent opportunity to put LID to work. The concept of increasing and diversifying land uses, capturing and reusing rain and storm water, and incorporating sustainable complete streets—all within proximity to the San Antonio River and River Walk—made Hemisfair an attractive competition site. The vision of converting Evers Road into a multi-modal “main street” corridor, while addressing limited right of way and still conveying a significant amount of traffic, made it a challenging LID competition selection for the design teams.

For more information about the LID award ceremony on July 10, including tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit <http://sa-lid-awards-dinner-july2013.eventbrite.com>.

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