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SUBJECT: Pre-Solicitation Briefing for River Barge Fabrication

DATE: June 21, 2016

The Center City Development & Operations Department will present a pre-solicitation briefing on the River Barge Fabrication project which was presented in the Annual High Profile Report. This briefing will allow an opportunity for input and direction from Committee members.

This pre-solicitation briefing will cover estimated contract value, projected timeline, high profile designation, scope of the project, terms of the contract, audited financial statements, proposed scoring criteria, evaluation committee members, project considerations, local preference program applicability, veteran owned small business preference program applicability and SBEDA Program requirements.

The River Barge Fabrication project is seeking to construct 43 aluminum river boat vessels for the San Antonio River Walk, to be operated by a private contractor. The boat will be approximately 27'-4" from bow to stern with a 9' beam that is pill shaped. The innovative vessel will seat approximately 44 passengers and allow for multiple seating configurations including but not limited to standard tours, VIP tours, dinner cruises, cocktail cruises, and parade floats. Each boat vessel will have an electric, lithium battery powered propulsion system. City staff will test a prototype boat vessel in August.