



# City holds pre-submittal conference for 2012-2017 Bond

Several hundred representatives from private industry - engineers, architects and landscape architects - attended a 2012-2017 Bond Program pre-submittal conference sponsored by the City.

The event held June 8 at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center allowed City staff to discuss the scope of work and general contact issues, and respond to questions from attendees. Conference sponsors were the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; San Antonio Water System; SmartCity; PSAV Presentation Services; San Antonio Convention, Sports, and Entertainment Facilities; and CIMS Department.

On May 12, San Antonio voters approved the City's 2012-2017 Bond Program. The \$596 million program has 140 projects in five categories:

Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks; Drainage & Flood Control; Parks, Recreation & Open Space; Library, Museum & Cultural Arts Facilities; and Public Safety Facilities.

City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** welcomed the



*Attendees at the 2012-2017 Bond kickoff meeting and pre-submittal conference sign in at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.*

group to the pre-submittal conference. CIMS Director **Mike Frisbie**, P.E., gave an overview on delivery of the bond and explained the mass selection of design firms.

**Debbie Sittre**, CIMS Assistant Director, and **Ruben Flores**, Economic Development Manager, talked about the Request for Qualification submission rules and documents.

The City released three RFQs - engineering, architectural and landscape architectural services - on May 30. The plan is for City Council to approve contracts with the selected firms in October 2012.

More information is available at [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov).



*The audience listens to CIMS Assistant Director Debbie Sittre talk about the design consultants mass selection plan.*

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## From the Director's Chair - *By Mike Frisbie, P.E., City Engineer*

Welcome to the month of July and the second half of 2012! I hope the first six months of the year have been fulfilling.

The biggest news of the first half of the year, of course, was the voter approval of the 2012-2017 Bond Program. Again, thank you, San Antonio, for your vote of confidence in the City delivering infrastructure improvements under budget and on time.

The 2012-2017 Bond Program hit the ground running and is already in motion. All 2012-2017 Bond projects are to be substantially completed by June 2017.

Three Requests for Qualifications for the 2012-2017 Bond have been on the street since the end of May and close between early to mid-July.

The RFQs are for Civil Engineering Services, Architectural Services, and Landscape Architectural Services.

Estimated costs for street, bridges, sidewalk and drainage improvements included in the 2012-2017 Bond Program potentially range from \$400,000 to more than \$24 million.



Some projects will be joint-design and joint-bid with utilities (water, sewer and gas) as applicable.

The architectural design services and construction administration services - for many of the building improvement projects - are for projects that could range from \$1.75 million to more than \$10 million. These firms will provide services for library, museum and cultural arts facility projects.

The third RFQ provides landscape architectural services. The estimated value for projects in the Parks, Recreation & Open Space



*CIMs employees answer questions at the 2012-2017 Bond kickoff meeting and pre-submittal conference.*

Improvements category potentially range from \$175,000 to more than \$7.5 million.

Some parks projects will be grouped for economy and efficiency while others will be managed on an individual basis.

The plan is to have the selected engineering, architectural and landscape architectural firms approved by City Council in October 2012.

The City also held a 2012-2017 Bond Program pre-submittal conference June 8 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. City staff discussed the scope of work and general contact issues, and responded to questions from attendees.

There were about 500 people at the conference. City staff cannot respond to individual inquiries regarding the project scope outside of the pre-submittal conference.

Thank you to the conference sponsors - San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; San Antonio Water System; SmartCity; PSAV Presentation Services; San Antonio Convention, Sports, and Entertainment Facilities; and CIMs.

## Katy Otto passes P.E. exam, is now an Engineer

CIMS congratulates **Katy Otto**, P.E., for successfully passing her Professional Engineer exam.

Obtaining a P.E. license is an automatic promotion, so Otto is now an Engineer.

"I saw the exam results the day after Memorial Day, and it was a big relief," she said.

Otto graduated from Texas A&M

University in 2004 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. She has been with the City for seven years.

"My responsibilities will expand a little and I will be more involved with the review process," she said.

The San Antonio native has been on **Anibal Gutierrez's** Horizontal Project Management team the entire time she has worked for the City.



## Collins Gardens Park opens new pavilion, basketball court canopy

District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr., CIMS, Parks & Recreation and community members celebrated the latest additions at Collins Gardens Park.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held June 20 at the park located behind Collins Garden Branch Library.

Park enhancements include a shade canopy over the existing basketball court, with tree planting. The consultant on the \$95,078 canopy project was Debra Dockery, Architect – PC; Alpha Building Corp. was the general contractor.

Another enhancement is a new pavilion next to the basketball court. The consultant on the \$154,300 project was Alpha Consulting Engineers; T.F. Harper & Associates was the contractor.

The Collins Gardens Park neighborhood has seen other improvements since 2011, including extension of the granite gravel trail with lighting in the block behind the library; low retaining wall between the trail and the library; updated lighting for two basketball courts; renovations to the existing irrigation system; and landscaping.

Collins Gardens Park is slated for additional improvements through the 2012-2017 Bond Program.



*District 5 City Councilman David Medina Jr. (center), CIMS Project Manager Mark Wittlinger (left), Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Janet Martin (right), and community members open the new pavilion at Collins Gardens Park.*



*The new pavilion at Collins Gardens Park includes two picnic benches, lighting, and a barbecue grill.*



*The shade canopy covers the entire basketball court at Collins Gardens Park.*



## Thank you, Annie Menchaca, for 28 years of service

CIMS and the City bid a joyous farewell to **Annie Menchaca**, who retired June 30.

Menchaca, who retired as an Administrative Assistant II in the Contracts Division, joined the City in April 1984 - 28 years of service.

Along the way, she worked in the Convention & Visitors Bureau and in Public Works, serving as a liaison between projects and residents, receptionist, and handling

3-1-1 calls. In 1994, Menchaca received the City's Star Award, which recognizes excellence in public service.

"Working for the City has been a good experience," she said. "I got to know how the City keeps running and stays in motion."

Menchaca said she thanks everyone for the friendships and acquaintances she established, and considers the City her extended family.

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## Happy birthday in July

CIMS wishes our employees a happy birthday in July:

**Jesse Rodriguez**, Horizontal (2nd); **Jaime Lalley**, Director's Office (3rd); **Alan Mota**, Contract Services (7th); **William Idar**, Technical Services (11th); **John Tapia**, Technical Services (12th); **Mauro Moncada**, Technical Services (13th); **John Rodriguez**, Environmental Management (13th);

**Carlos Gallegos**, Technical Services (14th); **Jason Winkler**, Technical Services (14th); **Mary Fors**, Real Estate (18th); **Maria Hernandez**, Technical Services (18th); **Julio Gomez**, Technical

Services (20th); **Monica Vasquez**, Fiscal Services (21st); **Joe Doctor III**, Technical Services (23rd); **Arnold Ramirez**, Horizontal (23rd);

**David Sanchez**, Real Estate (23rd); **Henry Estrada**, Public Art San Antonio (25th); **Jackson Whalen**, Technical Services (25th); **Johnny Saldaña**, Real Estate (26th); **Theresa Larson**, Environmental Management (27th); **Juan Mata**, Technical Services (29th); **Claudia Valles-Tovar**, Horizontal (30th); **Ignacia Camero**, Fiscal Services (31st); **Manuel Garcia**, Technical Services (31st).