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Two Proposals Received for the Downtown Hotel Project

Frederick, MD – The City of Frederick, on behalf of the Downtown Frederick Hotel Advisory Committee, announced this afternoon that it received two (2) proposals for the development of a privately owned and operated full-service hotel and conference center in historic Downtown Frederick. The proposals were received in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) which was issued on February 19, 2014. Proposals were accepted through Friday, May 9, 2014 at 3 p.m. Fifty-five (55) organizations and individuals registered on the City’s website to receive the RFP.

Proposals were received from the following developers:

- The Plamondon Companies, in conjunction with Peter Fillat Architects and Project Development Services, Incorporated (PDSI), proposed development of a 207 room full-service hotel with 21,165 square feet of meeting space along the north side of Carroll Creek Park on the former *Frederick News-Post* property.
- The Wormald Companies, in conjunction with BPM Partners, proposed a 225 room full-service hotel with 22,000 square feet of meeting space along the south side of Carroll Creek Park on the Wormald property adjacent to the Delaplaine Center for Visual Arts Education.

“We are looking forward to moving this project forward,” said Earl H. Robbins, Jr., Chair of the Downtown Frederick Hotel Advisory Committee. “We are committed to making a recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Frederick early this summer,” said Robbins.

The Downtown Frederick Hotel Advisory Committee is seeking a 200-room full-service hotel with 20,000 square feet of meeting space to meet business and citizen needs; drive economic impact in terms of tax revenue generation and job creation; induce tourism, overnight stays, and conference activity; and be a catalyst for continued downtown revitalization and growth.

Studies conducted by the committee and its hotel consultant JLL indicate that more than 280 jobs with an annual payroll of \$9.0 million coupled with nearly \$26 million in direct, indirect, and induced spending.

The Downtown Frederick Hotel Advisory Committee is chaired by Earl H. Robbins, Jr., appointed by Mayor Randy McClement. The Committee is composed of leadership from the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, Major Employers Group, Tourism Council of Frederick County, East Frederick Rising, Downtown Frederick Partnership, and the City and County Economic Development Departments.

Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) has been retained by the group to provide professional hotel and real estate consulting services.

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