

DESIGN CONSULTANCY TENDER AND SELECTED CONCEPT DESIGN PROPOSAL

A 2-stage Quality-Fee Method (QFM) was adopted in accordance with the Government tendering procedures for the design consultancy tender. The Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), supported by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), launched a call for Expression of Interest (EOI) exercise on 30 May 2019. On the closing date of 11 July 2019, 25 submissions were received.

Five multi-disciplinary teams were then shortlisted based on the overall design philosophy and approach to the redevelopment of the site, as well as track record and relevant experience. The five shortlisted teams proceeded to submit concept design proposals at the second stage which was launched in October 2019.

A Tender Evaluation Panel assessed that the concept design proposal submitted by WOHA Architects Pte Ltd, in collaboration with Populous Pte Ltd, to have best fulfilled the objectives of creating an exciting and accessible community space in the heart of the city, and responded appropriately to the context of Marina Bay with a compelling vision and narrative.

The design will leverage the site's unique waterfront location to create a distinctive, fit-for-purpose and flexible events venue for different scales and types of events. The development will also feature various community sports facilities, such as a swimming pool and water sports centre, to strengthen the recreational offerings for visitors, as well as a new public waterfront promenade that will form part of the continuous loop around Marina Bay and improve pedestrian connectivity in the area. Supporting F&B and retail offerings are also being considered to enhance the attractiveness of the development. These features are in line with the feedback that we have received from the community on enhancing the site's facilities.

In addition, there will be an NS-themed gallery to showcase our nation's defence and NS story, and to acknowledge the contributions of our national servicemen past and present. This gallery space will consist of a mix of open and enclosed spaces and showcase stories of servicemen from the Singapore Armed Forces and Home Team through various multimedia platforms and hardware displays.

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