

Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Development and Construction of Affordable Housing

A Message from:
Mayor Bill White
And
David Collins, Chairman, LARA Board

Dear Friends:

The Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority (LARA) is pleased to offer its first Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development and construction of approximately 150 new affordable, owner-occupied homes in eight Houston neighborhoods. Hundreds of additional lots in the same neighborhoods will be made available in future RFPs, and favorable consideration in the future will be given to those who bid on this first RFP.

We strongly encourage qualifying non-profit community development corporations (CDCs) and for-profit builders who partner with identified CDCs to respond to this RFP. Based on input from for-profit and non-profit builders, we think the terms of this offer will be economically attractive to many builders. Bids will be awarded based on criteria and weightings defined in the RFP. The quality of the structure, the experience of the builder, and the amount paid to the builder will be the features of the bid receiving the greatest weight.

Millions of dollars are being invested in the infrastructure of these neighborhoods. Substantial down payment assistance will be offered through the City to bring monthly payments down to a level where many working families now renting can instead build equity in their homes. We anticipate that LARA's on-going activity, in combination with hundreds of other lots acquired in the same neighborhoods by private investors through the foreclosure process, assures us that redevelopment will occur at a rapid pace. This gives new and existing residents great grounds for hope, and enhances the marketability of homes by builders.

An exhaustive list of information on each of the lots offered for sale is attached to the Request for Proposal. To receive an answer to any question, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/lara> and click on [your comments/questions](#). From this page you may post your questions and answers will be publicly posted every other week. In addition, there will be at least one meeting in June and one meeting in July, which will be web cast, so it can generate interest and answer questions from potential bidders. **Bids meeting the minimum criteria specified in the RFP are due on August 15, 2006.**

The Mayor of Houston will personally take responsibility for cutting through red tape to assist builders. Many costs ordinarily borne by developers and builders will be underwritten by the City on this initial round of lots.

You can view the Request for Proposal (RFP) at the following link on the City's website:
<http://www.houstontx.gov/lara>.

NOTE: From here, click on [LARA Request for Proposals \(RFP\) June 2006](#). Each attachment is listed as a separate link. Click on [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) to access the main document with overall instructions.