

Resolution authorizing a contract for Professional Consulting Services with Urban Design Associates for the development of the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan (Economic Development & Planning) (\$500,000)

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio adopted the Big Darby Accord by Resolution 864-06 on November 14, 2006 which recommended the development of a Big Darby Town Center Plan to help ensure well-planned growth and the preservation of the Big Darby watershed;

WHEREAS, through a national Request for Proposals the best qualified firms were asked to submit proposals to undertake the development of a Big Darby Town Center Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the top candidates presented their qualifications and ideas at two public forums; and

WHEREAS, a selection team comprised of planning professionals from Brown Township, Prairie Township, city of Columbus and Franklin County have unanimously agreed that Urban Design Associates is the best qualified firm to perform the various duties pertaining to the creation of a detailed development plan for the Big Darby Town Center within the framework of the Big Darby Accord ; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department will be the administrative and fiscal agent with Urban Design Associates in order to ensure that the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan is completed in timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County will be responsible for \$280,000 (56%), Columbus \$50,000 (10%), Brown Township \$85,000 (17%) and Prairie Township \$85,000 (17%) of the total contract amount. The project is planned to be broken down over the 2009 and 2010 budget seasons; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall be in effect on and between September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010; and

Resolution No. 0799-09

October 13, 2009

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

That the contract with Urban Design Associates for professional services associated with the development of the Big Darby Town Center Master Plan and attached purchase order is hereby approved.

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Cc: Economic Development and Planning Department
Purchasing Department

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