



# CITY OF TAMPA

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## City of Tampa Selects AECOM to Develop Downtown Master Plan and Primary Transit Corridor Plan

*Tampa, FL November 29, 2011* - The City of Tampa has selected AECOM to develop plans for both the downtown master plan and the primary transit corridor.

"The completion of this plan will give us a blueprint for the development of our downtown and the adjoining neighborhoods for the next 20 years," said Mayor Bob Buckhorn. "Together, with the recent Urban Land Institute panel and the active input of all of the neighborhood stakeholders, this is a process that will be built from the ground up. AECOM brings international experience and a fresh set of eyes to our city. I could not be more excited about this partnership."

AECOM was one of 10 consulting teams to respond to the Request for Qualifications, which was put out in July 2011. The City of Tampa will begin contract negotiations and expects to formally kick-off the project in 2012.

The total project budget is \$1.43 million. In addition to the \$1.18 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City will contribute \$125,000 in funding and another \$125,000 as in-kind support. The project will take approximately 18-24 months to complete.

The study area for the corridor master plan is generally an area along Nebraska Avenue from downtown Tampa to Hillsborough Avenue then east along Hillsborough Avenue to 22nd Street and extending about 1/3 mile from each side. The study area for the Downtown Area Conceptual Master Plan is generally within two-miles of the center of Downtown. The boundaries of both study areas will be defined once the project gets underway.

For more information on AECOM, please visit <http://www.aecom.com/>.

### Background

In 2010, the City of Tampa was awarded a \$1.18 million Sustainable Communities Challenge Grant from HUD to develop a corridor master plan for the Nebraska-Hillsborough Avenue Primary Transit Corridor and a Downtown Area Conceptual Master Plan for the urban core. The plans will establish priorities for the future and provide a road map to stimulate economic development, spur community reinvestment and make the central city one of the most desirable places in the nation -- all while preserving historic districts and neighborhood character.