



International Architectural Firms Compete to Design Orange County Great Park

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IRVINE – Twenty-four highly respected design firms from around the world submitted proposals today to compete for the job of Master Designer of the Orange County Great Park. The Orange County Great Park Corporation invited 38 world-class firms to submit plans for the park’s layout and opened the design competition to other qualified local and regional architectural firms.

“Leading design firms from Europe, Asia, Orange County and throughout the United States are competing to design the Orange County Great Park,” said Larry Agran, Chair, Orange County Great Park Corporation, “The quality and creativity of these firms guarantees that the Orange County Great Park will be one of the finest parks anywhere in the world.”

The submitted proposals will be evaluated by the six distinguished professionals who serve on the Orange County Great Park design jury panel, Chaired by Dr. Hamid Shirvani, FASLA, FRSA, AICP, Provost and Professor of Architecture at Chapman University. Dr. Shirvani and the jury panel will meet June 10 to recommend 6 semi-finalists of the twenty-four submitted proposals to the Orange County Great Park Board of Directors within the next several weeks.

Members of the jury design panel include Dr. Diane Ghirirado, Professor of Architecture at the University of Southern California, Dr. Mark Francis, FASLA, Professor of Landscape Architecture at University of California, Davis, George Bissell, FAIA, President of Bissell Architects in Newport Beach, California, Dan Heinfeld, FAIA, President of LPA Irvine, Michael Rotondi,

FAIA, architect and founder of Morphoris in Los Angeles and Linda Pollak, ALA, ASLA, partner, Marpillero/Park Architects, New York.

The semi-finalists selected by the Board will be provided a stipend to develop a conceptual design plan for the Great Park. A second design jury panel will review the designs and make recommendations to the Board. In October, the Board will select a Master Designer for the Great Park. The winning designer will be commissioned to fully develop all the schematics, implementation designs, plans and other necessary documents.

All conceptual designs will be on public display in Irvine City Hall and other locations throughout the County, and they will also be posted on the Great Park website, www.ocgp.org. The public is encouraged to review proposals and provide feedback. Public comments will be summarized and reported to the Board of Directors to assist them in the selection process.

The Great Park will be developed on the site of the decommissioned El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, on seven square miles of land in the geographic center of Orange County, California.

Featured designers include:

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Iñaki Abalos and Juan Herreros are working together since 1984; they are Head and Tenor Teachers at the Architecture School of Madrid where they were also tutors in "Construction" during the period 1984-1988. They are the authors of "Le Corbusier. Skyscrapers", "Tower and Office", and "Natural - Artificial". Their work, which has been awarded in several occasions, is compiled in a monography published by Gustavo Gili, has been reviewed by specialized magazines and has taken part in individual and collective exhibitions such as the one promoted by the MOMA with the motto "Light Construction" (New York, 1995), or "New Trends of Architecture 2002 " (Tokyo 2002). "Visiting Professors" at the School of Architecture, Princeton University.

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Balmori Associates is a New York landscape and urban design firm that works internationally. The firm specializes in collaborating with architects and engineers to create innovative solutions for public spaces that combine a high level of artistic design with a deep respect for environmental principles. Balmori Associates completed the Master Plan for the Farmington Canal, creating a public linear park that winds through New Haven, Connecticut, as well as the Master Plan for urban open space for the Gwynns Fall Trail in Baltimore MD.

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Civitas, inc. is recognized nationally as a group of professionals who uniquely combine exceptional design talent with creative problem solving skills. The overall vision for the firm involves the deeply felt conviction that the firm's role within the global community centers on improving the urban environment. While pursuing interesting work within the areas of urban design planning and landscape architecture, the firm focuses primarily on infill, redevelopment, brownfield sites, transit oriented design and infrastructure projects. Urban designers, landscape architects and planners within the firm look to create public spaces of varying size and type. The measure of success is the communities' use, care and veneration of the environment that we have designed and nurtured into reality.

Civitas and a multi-disciplinary team prepared a land-use and transportation plan for Balboa Park in San Diego. Land use and transportation pressures challenge the park. Growth due to the many uses, and volume of users, as well as demands from the community for additional services has resulted in pressure to plan for the park's future. What has been a predominantly pedestrian oriented environment has grown increasingly hazardous and congested. The location of available parking for the various cultural facilities is problematic, and automobile circulation has monopolized the public spaces of the park. The team gathered issues from all major users of the park, and uses surrounding the park, to prepare a land use and transportation plan that capitalizes on the strengths of the history of the park, provide

meaningful public places, and organize the growth of institutions within Balboa Park.

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Colvin & Moggridge provides clients with the highest standards of design and management. The expertise, resources and flexibility of the practice enable the firm to undertake a wide range of works, including commissions from national companies, government agencies and local authorities. The variety in the size and nature of these projects has encouraged a sensitivity and breadth of knowledge that benefits all projects. C&M has offices in Gloucestershire and London and undertake commissions throughout the United Kingdom and overseas, ranging in scale and complexity from domestic to the very largest of landscapes. C&M is known for its imaginative proposals rooted in a comprehensive understanding of the nature, present character and history of a site. Brenda Colvin founded the firm in 1922.

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Danadjieva & Koenig Associates' multi-disciplinary professional experience bridges boundaries of cities and states. From 1976 to the present time, the firm has performed national/international work and studies within different work conditions and financial realities. Project scopes have varied from small-scale conditions and financial realities. Project scopes have varied from small-scale custom designed projects to multi-million dollar developments. Developments include the Thomas Polk Park, Charlotte, NC, White River State Park Promenade, IN, Indiana and Mission Bay Development, San Francisco, CA.

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Over the course of EDAW's 65-year history, principals embraced an action-oriented philosophy that values the relationship between people and their environment, and takes into account a project's impact on its investors and community setting. Notable projects include the Ehime Maru Recovery Assessment and Mitigation Plan, Arroyo Seco Path Historical Evaluation, Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, Georgia.

EDAW has made a name for itself in recreation planning, with the US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management as the principal clients. EDAW garnered several multi-state, open-ended commissions for these agencies to study how their land holdings could best accommodate recreational opportunities without adversely affecting wildlife and natural resources. Projects in the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, and Yosemite National Park created new camping and hiking options; similarly, work on hydroelectric projects for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and local water districts studied how boating and related activities could be most responsibly supported.

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EMBT's mature approach to architecture, interior design, facility planning, includes project experience in educational, residential and restoration buildings and special purpose landscape architecture has developed over his life. Enrie Miralles (1995-2000) formed his firm with Bernadette Tagilabue (1963) in the 1990's, after the long collaboration with Viaplana & pinon between 1973/83 Barcelona, and Carme Pinos, Barcelona between 1984/89. The office maintains a highly personal level of service from design concepts to the development of projects, and their technical and structural resolutions, followed by the Engineering Office Ove Arup and Parners SA of London and Madrid, Cecil Balmond and Steve Fischer, Bollinger & Grobmann, Frankfurt. EMBT works in design and restoration of many project types,

including Houses, University buildings, industrial facilities, civic centers, governments and private clients. Most work is for public clients with special emphasis on public space and coherence between building construction and public space. EMBT has received numerous awards including the National Prize of Spanish Architecture 1995 and the Fold Lion at the last edition of Biennial of Venice 96.

Field Operations

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Field Operations is an innovative, award-winning landscape architecture, urban design, planning, and ecology practice. Founded in 1998 by James Corner, the mandate of the practice is to create intelligent, high-quality design solutions for cities, landscapes and buildings. At all scales of the design environment, Field Operations seeks an integrated synthesis of landscape, infrastructure, ecology, architecture, transportation, economic development and city life. Synthesis is achieved through a creative, collaborative approach, working closely with architects, planners, engineers, ecologists and artists, as well as public agencies, project stakeholders and committees.

Field Operation's creative expertise is reflected in diverse range of high-profile, complex project types, from the design of entire sectors of cities to intimate garden spaces; the design of large, new public parks to housing and mixed-use private developments; the reclamation of landfills, derelict brownfield sites and other post-industrial landscapes for new public uses and private development to the preservation of natural resources. In each case, the practice seeks to respond to the unique circumstances of each project and craft built works of lasting distinction, striving to produce designs that exceed the goals, aspirations and needs of the client. Field Operations is committed to designs that are specific and unique, to contemporary solutions that work, and to the production of maximum effects with minimal means.

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Gustafson Guthrie Nichol offers extensive experience and enthusiasm in designing high-use landscapes in complex, urban contexts. GGN's work involves substantial collaboration with other disciplines to produce strong, buildable site concepts. The results are comprehensive site designs that truly unify landscapes, infrastructure, and buildings into distinctive landmarks.

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Richard Haag Associates is a Landscape Architectural Planning and Design firm with a portfolio of over 500 built projects. RHA has 40 plus years of experience in the master planning and development of parks trails, recreational and wilderness education facilities, interpretive centers, international events, resorts, planned communities and institutions including museums, universities and the U.S. Consulate and Embassy in Lisbon. Their strength and the basis of the firm's reputation for innovative and high-quality design is Haag's ability to look at each project with fresh insight. Every RHA project is unique, matching the client's need by balancing the program with the site. Notable projects include U.S. Federal Courthouse, Eugene, OR and Cedar Lake Park and Trail, Minneapolis, MN.

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At the forefront of landscape architecture for over 20 years, Hargreaves Associates continues to offer full services in landscape architecture, planning and urban design. With offices in San Francisco, California, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and New York, New York, the firm serves an international clientele, and its projects address a broad range of scales and types. By focusing on strong design, Hargreaves Associates creates memorable environments that meet clients' goals. Projects include: Candlestick Point State Recreation Area, San Francisco, California, New York City World Trade Center Site Competition, New York, New York and American University, Beirut, Lebanon.

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Iterae Architecture and the Office of Landscape Morphology have been excelling in building up highly flexible teams of specific and adapted competencies to each of the sites and projects that they are designing. Based on this strategy, they have won high profile competitions and design commission in landscape and urban planning over the last few years. In 2004, they won the prestigious competition of transforming the former international airport into a 1400-acre Metropolitan Park in Athens, Greece.

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Recognized as "Site Architects" since 1981, Land Studio draws upon over twenty years of landscape architects to utilize the imagery associated with the art, philosophy and the aesthetics of the landscape. Founder and Principal Ron Wigginton and his associates have completed hundreds of built projects throughout California... As prominent members of a new "Third Wave" of American landscape designers, Land Studio extends the earlier traditions of Frederick Law Olmsted and Thomas Church to create the landscapes, urban infrastructure and gardens for the 21st century.

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The Office of James Burnett is a landscape architecture and planning firm founded in 1989. The firm offers full landscape design services with an emphasis on planning and design of public parks, commercial, corporate and institutional facilities. The Office has received over 40 state and national design awards, 20 of which were for constructed projects. The firm was recently featured in Continental Airlines Magazine in April 2005 and Brilliant Magazine in August 2004. These articles focused on the firm's commitment to designing memorable landscapes and large park environments. The firm is currently working on large public parks in Chicago, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas, Beijing and Virginia Beach.

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Ohtori Consultants Environmental Design Institute (OCEDI) is one of the leading design firms in Japan specializing in landscape architecture, planning, and architecture. It has produced remarkable results in major projects ranging from urban designs and parks, to community neighborhood designs and has received many awards and won important competitions worldwide. OCEDI has joined a variety of international projects including ones in Beijing, Singapore and the Tokyo metropolitan area. The firm's international projects have required high levels of collaboration and coordination with many different professionals from abroad with a variety of interests.

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OLIN Partnership has established an international reputation for excellence in landscape architecture and urban design, with award winning projects that celebrate the spirit of place and create beautiful, useful and meaningful places for people. Olin Partnership has created, in a broad range of contexts, landscapes that succeed as social spaces and environmental systems. By synthesizing art and science, Olin Partnership creates fresh innovative solutions solidly grounded in the ecological sciences and advanced construction technologies Olin Partnership clients have come to expect strong clear schemes supported by innovative detailing and lasting materials that match social purpose with available resources.

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Royston, Hanamoto, Alley & Abbey has a 45-year history as a leader in park and recreational planning. Established in 1958, the firm has been an internationally recognized leader in park and recreation planning. Our projects encompass the range of park design from waterfronts to active sports parks. Our philosophy is to take park planning to a higher level by incorporation elements that engage the mind as well as body. It is this holistic view of design that makes our parks and recreational areas known throughout the United States.

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Founded in 1953 by Hideo Sasaki, Sasaki Associates is an interdisciplinary firm of more than 270 professionals. He pioneered the concept of interdisciplinary planning and disciplines that are represented in the ownership and management of this firm, giving our work a practical dimension that focuses on designing projects that are build able. Hideo insisted that every project be put in its cultural historical, geographical, environmental, social and economic context – an approach that is even more important today than it was when he developed it. Sasaki Associates was awarded first prize in the design competition for the Olympic Greens, the primary site of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. Sasaki also designed University of California, Berkeley Design Framework Plan, New Century Plan and Addison Circle Park in Addison, Texas.

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Martha Schwartz Partners has extensive experience with landscape and planning projects in the public realm. The majority of the firm's projects completed within the last ten years have been public master planning, urban recreation, and civic landscape projects. Notable projects include the Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ, Exchange Square, Manchester, UK and Cumberland Park in Toronto, Canada.

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Ken Smith Landscape Architect, Mary Miss, Ten-Arquitecos, Mia Lehrer Associates, Buro Happold, Steven Handel, Ecologist, are accomplished at working in collaborative situations and with public constituencies and agencies. They have substantial experience with public work and public construction working with municipalities and governmental entities, civic organizations and non-profits and economic development organizations and private developers.

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Thomas Gordon Smith studied architecture at the University of California at Berkeley. While a student, he measured the Cooper-Molera Adobe in Monterey, and other buildings, for the Historic American Building Survey. After receiving a license in California, he established his architectural practice in San Francisco. He held the Rose Prize in Architecture at the American Academy in Rome in 1979-1980. The year culminated in the construction of his façade and exhibition of his work on the *Strada Novissima* in *The Presence of the Past International Architectural Exhibition* at the 1980 Venice Biennale. Thomas Gordon Smith's active engagement in architectural issues is reflected in thirty museum exhibitions, in extensive publications of his buildings, and in scholarly publications of his research, Richard John's monograph on his architectural work, *Thomas Gordon Smith and the Revival of Classical Architecture*, was published in the Papadakis New Architecture Series in 2001. Thomas Gordon Smith's major projects all began with master planning for challenging sites. Public projects, such as Cathedral City Civic Center in California required envisioning a potential urbanism. Ecclesiastical projects, such as a new Benedictine monastery under construction on a two-square mile site in Oklahoma and a new seminary near Lincoln, NE, began with site selection and master plan development.

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For over 40 years, SWA Group has been recognized as one of the world's design leaders in the fields of landscape architecture, planning and urban design. They received over 400 awards in 47 states and more than 40 countries. Their principals are among the industry's most talented and experienced designers and planners. Emergency in 1959 as the West Coast office of Sasaki, Walter and Associates, the firm first assumed the SWA Group name in 1975. Founders Hideo Sasaki and Peter Walker were graduates of the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, became highly regarded for their own professional work, and would eventually chair departments at Harvard. Details being one of the largest firms of its type in the world, SWA is organized into small studio based offices that enhance creativity and client responsiveness. In addition to bringing strong aesthetic, functional, and social design ideas to our projects, they are committed to integrating principles of environmental sustainability. The core of their work is a passion for imaginative, solution-oriented design that adds value to land, building, cities, regions, and to people's lives.

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For over 40 years, Wallis, Roberts & Todd has worked to afford the new American wilderness – cities – the kind of environmental quality, vitality and integrity that can assert itself within the national consciousness. For WRT, planning and design is a matter of legacy, of sustaining for future generations the urban domain as the true and best expression of the age we live in. To this effort, we view the landscape as “ground” – the common element that allows land, environment, development and open space to cohere into healthy and distinctive urban place. Few professional organizations practice under an overarching “urban” ethos. Fewer still do so while applying rigorous sustainable design principles across the disciplinary boundaries of planning, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and civil engineering. WRT does so with a single aim to create TOTAL green environments where every element and system in them, regardless of scale, is leveraged in support of an efficient, low impact yet uniquely appropriate whole.

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West 8 Urban Design and Landscape Architects take a hybrid multi-disciplinary approach as a method of confronting complex design issues. The office consists of a diverse design team, urban planners, architects, designers and landscape architects, totaling 45 members. Under the direction of Prof. Adriaan Geuze, West 8 has developed an interest in relating to contemporary culture, urban identify, architecture and the public space within one design. This design approach is always related to the contest. As a leading urban design practice in Europe, West 8 has extensive experience in both large scale urban planning, urban design and landscaping. Since 1985, West 8 has worked on an international level and has developed projects in Copenhagen, Paris, London, Zurich, Vienna, New York, and Charleston as well as other cities.

