

PRESS RELEASE

Winter Johnson Group to Build Iconic Grant Park Gateway Project in Atlanta

(May 19, 2017) ATLANTA – The Winter Johnson Group, a joint venture between Winter Construction and Johnson Construction Services, has been selected by the City of Atlanta to design and build the \$48 million Grant Park Gateway Project.

The conceptual design developed by the Winter Johnson Group in partnership with notable Atlanta firm Smith Dalia Architects was selected for its unique, forward-thinking approach in blending greenspace and sustainability at Grant Park with a 1,000-space parking deck.

Conceptualized by the Winter Johnson Group and Smith Dalia Architects team, the LEED®-targeted, partially below-grade parking garage will be built into the existing landscape. The facility design transcends the typical parking structure to make the Grant Park Gateway a destination unto itself within the destination that is Grant Park. Inspired by the natural foliage of the park and derived from the veins in leaves, the design transforms the facade of the deck, creating an organic aesthetic that complements the historic landscape, surrounding neighborhoods and architecture, and high-profile setting. Featuring a 2.5-acre green roof, the structure becomes an extension of the park, nearly invisible from street level. The project also provides additional upgrades to the park including three substantial park areas adjacent to the deck, pedestrian access to the rest of Grant Park, and an upgraded storm water system, resulting in a dynamic, iconic, and useful park amenity.

Some key features of the Grant Park Gateway are:

- A smart parking system that guides patrons to available spaces
- Parking areas for both automobiles and bicycles, as well as Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Amenities including expanded green space, a restaurant, a bandstand, a shaded terrace plaza, amazing views of downtown, terraced seating, a water feature, and a pedestrian overpass

City of Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed unveiled Winter Johnson's selected design-build facility during a press conference at City Hall on Tuesday, April 25. Mayor Reed was joined by Council Member Carla Smith, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phoung, Raymond King, President and CEO of Zoo Atlanta, and other city and civic leaders. The press and community have received the unveiling the Grant Park Gateway Project with excitement and overwhelming support.

"The City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation is excited about the Grant Park Gateway Project, which speaks volumes about how innovative the City of Atlanta

has become with developing greenspace expansion, watershed management, and mobility solutions,” said Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phuong. “This new amenity will serve as a catalyst for future economic benefits to Grant Park and its surrounding neighborhoods. I would like to thank Mayor Kasim Reed, The Winter Johnson Group, Smith Dalia Architects, and the community for working together to make this project a reality.”

Brent Reid, Managing Member of Winter Johnson Group, said, “Winter Johnson Group and Smith Dalia have created a project that will provide additional usable park space, relieve traffic congestion, improve stormwater management, and be a catalyst for continued long-term prosperity for the park and neighborhood, further enhancing Grant Park, one of the premiere cultural and entertainment destination centers in the City of Atlanta.”

Adding to Reid’s comments, Artis Johnson, Managing Member of Winter Johnson Group, said, “We are honored and humbled to be a part of this exciting project as we help the City of Atlanta add parking and community space to the surrounding Grant Park neighborhood, inserted in a creative way that thoughtfully considers its neighbors and historic locale, all while giving back to the community.”

About Winter Johnson Group

The Winter Johnson Group (WJG) is a joint venture between Winter Construction and Johnson Construction Services. Formed in 2010, the joint venture is built on a relationship that goes back more than 20 years, extending from the Grady Memorial Hospital Renovation and Expansion Program on which Artis Johnson, serving as Deputy Program Manager, was responsible for overseeing the construction activities of Winter Construction on several of the program elements. Winter Construction and Johnson Construction Services formed Winter Johnson Group to pursue work together officially, each bringing valuable experience to the partnership. WJG is fully committed to fostering and developing minority, female, and small business enterprises as a key benchmark of its business operations.

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