

Williston

Economic Development

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A world-renowned development firm will take the lead on an 800-acre project located in the Center of Williston. The City of Williston has selected Cardon Development Group (CDG) to rehabilitate and redevelop the Sloulin Field International Airport site after its operations are moved to a proposed new location.

The Williston City Commission formalized the selection committee's recommendation on Tuesday, April 14th, 2015.

The City of Williston will work closely with CDG throughout the redevelopment process. Williston Mayor Howard Klug said the City looks forward to the collaboration.

"This is probably the largest public-private project Williston has ever seen," said Klug. "Cardon will bring with it world-class knowledge to Williston."

CDG, a Phoenix-based firm, will serve as the master planner of the Sloulin Redevelopment in partnership with Vedadi Corp and Red Bison. Williston Economic Development executive director Shawn Wenko said CDG has extensive knowledge and capabilities with projects of this scale.

"We believe Cardon can help us do something really special for the City of Williston," said Wenko.

Wenko guided the City of Williston through the selection process. A Request for Qualified Developers for the Sloulin Redevelopment was issued on January 4, 2015. Ten proposals were received by the February 2, 2015 deadline. All ten applicants were scored individually by a three-person committee. The top five submittals advanced to the interview round of the selection process. A separate committee interviewed the interested parties and once again, scored the submittals individually.

Upon learning his company had been selected as the master planner for the 800-acre project, CDG CEO Don Cardon said he looked forward to repurposing the area located in the center of Williston, and in the center of the Bakken Shale Oil and Gas Play.

"Williston and North Dakota represent a large-scale internationally recognized public enterprise," said Cardon. "We look forward to partnering with them to enable new developments in the center of the City."

The Sloulin Redevelopment is the second project CDG is leading in North Dakota. It is also working on a master plan for a \$400 million redevelopment project in Downtown Bismarck.

Wenko said the next step in the Sloulin Redevelopment process is to move forward with a development management agreement to define the early roles, relationships and expectations both the public and private partners are entering into. "This is going to be a long process." "This is only the beginning."

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