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Public Preference Survey for South Port of Dubuque Redevelopment through Feb. 4

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The public is invited to participate in a five-minute public preference survey on the redevelopment of Dubuque's "South Port" at www.cityofdubuque.org/southport. Graduate students from the University of Iowa's School of Urban and Regional Planning, in partnership with the City of Dubuque, are seeking public opinion on preferred uses for the South Port. The survey will be open until Feb. 4, 2013. Results will be shared at a public event this spring.

The South Port consists of 33 acres of vacant and industrial waterfront property south of the Ice Harbor and adjacent to Dubuque's downtown. It includes the property between the Mississippi River and the railroad tracks on both the north and south sides of U.S. Highway 20 and the Julien Dubuque Bridge. The 2002 Port of Dubuque Master Plan outlined a multi-phased redevelopment plan for the entire Port of Dubuque. Redevelopment of the South Port represents the final two phases of that plan and continues the major riverfront revitalization effort at the Port of Dubuque by reclaiming underutilized and brownfield property on the South Port for mixed-use development while balancing creative vision and market demand.

Graduate students in the University of Iowa's School of Urban and Regional Planning, in partnership with the City of Dubuque, held a public input meeting on Oct. 25, 2012 as part of an economic/community development project focusing on the redevelopment of the South Port. Following the meeting, the students compiled the public input to create the survey.

"The purpose of the survey is to collect broader public input on the preferred land uses for the South Port," said graduate student Sandra Mason.

The students will use the survey data to create multiple alternatives for redevelopment. A second public input event this spring will show the results of the survey and allow the public to choose their top alternatives. The top alternatives chosen by the public, along with the students' evaluation, will be recommended to the Dubuque City Council in May, 2013.

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