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## Waterfront developer chooses Fan Pier architects

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Long-delayed plans for the largest, waterfront project in Boston's history took a major step forward yesterday, with Fan Pier developer Joseph Fallon naming the \$1 billion-plus project's design team.

Fallon, a veteran waterfront and city developer, is turning to a pair of out-of-state firms and a local mainstay to craft the architecture of what has long been touted as a new, harborside neighborhood.

The architects will design four new buildings worth \$1 billion – two office high rises, a luxury hotel with condos and a separate condo residence.

“Fan Pier is on its way to becoming a thriving and economy-boosting neighborhood for Boston,” said Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

Winning the coveted Fan Pier design contracts are the following firms:

- Hill Glazier Architects will design Fan Pier's luxury hotel residence with top-floor condos, as well as a condo tower. The California firm's portfolio includes the famed “celebrity favorite” Bacara Resort and Spa in Santa Barbara.

- BBG (Brennan Beer Forman Architects LLP) is a New York firm that has designed skyscrapers and hotel towers across the globe, from Malaysia and Dubai to Washington, D.C.

- Boston-based Elkus-Manfredi Architects has built a powerhouse reputation both locally and internationally, designing the Intercontinental hotel and condo tower complex in Boston and the 43-story Paramount residential tower in San Francisco, to name just two.

“We've selected some of the most respected architects in the country to work with us,” Fallon said.