

4 builders drawn to hub plan; more sought

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The [Ronkonkoma](#) Hub project has attracted the interest of four developers, including a multinational firm, [Brookhaven](#) Town officials said last week.

The town plans to issue a request for qualifications Monday that it hopes will attract more developers for the next phase of the project to revitalize the [Ronkonkoma](#) train station and 50 surrounding acres into a vibrant mixed-use and pedestrian-friendly development. The deadline for the request for qualifications is Oct. 28.

[Brookhaven](#) has hired Jason Duckworth, a [Pennsylvania](#)-based consultant who also worked with [Babylon](#) Town on the [Wyandanch](#) Rising project, which had similar transit-oriented goals. He will help the town solicit developers.

The companies that submitted expressions of interest to the town this summer were Renaissance Downtowns of [Plainview](#), TRITEC Real Estate of [East Setauket](#), Jobco of [Great Neck](#) and [Jones Lang LaSalle](#) of Chicago.

Renaissance Downtowns is the master developer for the planned [Hempstead](#) Main Street project. TRITEC developed the 31 West Building, a mixed-use property in [Patchogue](#). Jobco has worked on government projects with the Town of [North Hempstead](#) Housing Authority and the city of [Glen Cove](#).

The biggest developer, [Jones Lang LaSalle](#), built a [National Institutes of Health](#) building in [Bethesda, Md.](#), parts of [Johns Hopkins University](#) in [Baltimore](#), and various branches of [HSBC](#) Bank. The company has worked in 60 countries, according to its website.

[Brookhaven](#) Supervisor Mark Lesko said the four developers were "blue-chip" candidates, but he hoped more would participate in the next phase.

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