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Hill takes Dubailand City of Arabia PM

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The US' **Hill International** has been appointed project manager on the estimated \$2,000 million City of Arabia project, part of the Dubailand development. The scheme comprises residential, office and entertainment facilities catering to about 34,000 people (MEED 20:5:05).

Bids are currently under evaluation for the estimated \$80 million piling contract. The six-month contract calls for the sinking of 26,500 piles covering the 20 million-square-foot area.

Bidders include Germany's **Bauer**, **Swissboring**, part of Italy's **Trevi Group**, and local firms **Middle East Foundations** and **NSCC**. The local **Wade Adams Contracting** is working on the grading and excavations package. The client, the local **I&M Galadari Group**, has also invited expressions of interest (EOIs) for the main contracts on the project.

The three main construction packages cover: the Mall of Arabia, which will have a built-up area of about 520,000 square metres; Restless Planet, a 90-metre-high translucent dome with a built-up area of 42,000 square metres; and phase 1 of the Wadi Walk development, which will see construction of low-rise retail and residential buildings with a built-up area of 338,000 square metres.

Located off Emirates road adjacent to Global Village, the project is scheduled to be completed by the first quarter of 2008. Hong Kong-based **P&T Architects & Engineers** is the engineering and design consultant.

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