





**THE SITE:** The site is a prominent site just east of the current South Side Works development in Pittsburgh, along the Mon River, at the bridgehead to the Hot Metal Bridge. The cleared and ready-to-build construction site is bounded by Hot Metal St. to the north, S. Water St. (and the bike trail and river) to the east, the existing parking lot for the UPMC Sport Medicine complex to the south, and a heavily used, sunken freight rail track to the west. It is serviced by bus 59U.

You may place your Fire Tower anywhere on this site, though for safety and access reasons, you must be able to drive a “Ladder Truck” up to it on all sides, so it must be setback from all sidewalks, train tracks, and parking lots. All site plans should show in light graphics the turning radius of a truck.

Although your project is to design a Fire Tower, your proposal should engage the entire site. Do not create a tower in isolation: demonstrate how your tower engages the site, how the site can be shaped to embrace the tower, making it part of a larger urban and cultural fabric.

