

Hines tower ahead for San Francisco

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Architect Cesar Pelli and developer Hines won a competition to design and build a San Francisco bus and rail station and a tower that would be the city's tallest building.

Hines will enter exclusive negotiations to develop the tower site south of the San Francisco Financial District, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority decided this week. Houston-based Hines will pay as much as \$350 million for the land, which would go toward the \$3.4 billion cost of replacing the station. The authority hasn't yet chosen a developer for the new station.

The 1,200-foot tower would dwarf the Transamerica Pyramid, which at 853 feet has been the tallest building in the city since 1972.