D/FW development team draws fire

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The chosen few at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport have been chosen again.

A team of contractors assembled by airport management and insulated from competition has been assigned work on United Parcel Service Inc.'s regional hub development.

The move is stirring complaints that the publicly owned airport has struck a sweetheart deal with an elite group of companies.

The consortium of Bechtel Corp., HCB Contractors, Carter & Burgess Inc. and Corgan Associates Architects already had won millions of dollars in business at D/FW.

The arrangement is part of an 18-month-old experiment by D/FW management to reduce bureaucracy and consolidate control of construction activity at the airport. Airport officials say the arrangement has been a success and that any complaints are "sour grapes."



A parking garage is ready to open at D/FW Airport, the first product of a controversial experiment in construction management

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