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Eisenhower Memorial shortlist announced

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Frank Gehry and Moshe Safdie are among the seven architects who have made the shortlist for the competition to design the £60 million National Eisenhower Memorial in Washington DC.

The other five are Ralph Johnson of Perkins & Will; landscape architect Peter Walker; New York firm Rogers Marvel Architects; Ron Krueck of Krueck & Sexton Architects; and San Francisco-based Stanley Saitowitz.

The contest, to honour the 34th US president, is being run jointly by the Dwight D Eisenhower Memorial Commission and the federal General Service Administration. The monument will be on a 1.6ha site on the south side of Washington's National Mall, near the National Air & Space Museum.

The commission has been fighting for the memorial for eight years.

Commission chairman Rocco Siciliano said: "After eight years of effort, we are pleased to be at this stage of development, with a superb shortlist of designers."

The winner will be announced in March 2009.

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