

Linbeck Media Contact:

Becky Myers
Myers Public Relations
281-844-2725

becky@myerspublicrelations.com

Company Contact:

Wendy Burke
Linbeck
713-966-5834

wburke@linbeck.com

Rice Media Contact:

B.J. Almond
Rice University
713-348-6770

balmond@rice.edu

Wall-to-wall collaboration venues

Linbeck Receives construction contract for Rice University's Collaborative Research Center

HOUSTON (April 27, 2007) – Linbeck has been awarded a contract to manage the construction of Rice University's Collaborative Research Center in Houston. This will be Linbeck's first LEED-certified project in Houston.

The estimated \$200 to \$300 million project, which encompasses a 480,000 square-foot building to be built on a "hyper-track" schedule, is due for completion in the first quarter of 2009. If weather does not interrupt the schedule, Linbeck will erect the second tower crane in April.

"The Collaborative Research Center will serve as a magnet for medical researchers, bioengineers and scientists," said Wendy Burke, manager of client development for Linbeck. "The design is interactive. And by design, the building will encourage communication and collaboration and contribute to greater cooperation among health-care professionals."

Plans call for eight floors of research laboratories in a tower atop a base platform that will include a vivarium, a 280-seat auditorium, a 100-seat seminar room, classrooms, 10,000 square feet of retail space for a restaurant and shops, and other common space, as well as three levels of underground parking. The building is being designed to accommodate up to 150,000 additional square feet for future expansion.

"As Rice University prepares for its centennial in 2012, the Collaborative Research Center is essential to achieving Rice's Vision for the Second Century and assuring its position as a great research university," Rice President David W. Leebron said.

Rice and the Texas Medical Center (TMC) are committed to increasing their collaborative efforts and combining their complementary expertise to find pathbreaking solutions to today's health-care issues, Leebron said. "This combination of the TMC research institutions and Rice has the capacity to be one of the most powerful biomedical research efforts in the world, and this extraordinary research facility represents a major investment toward that goal. It will reap benefits for health care and for the city of Houston for decades to come."

Texas Medical Center institutions participating in the CRC include

- Baylor College of Medicine
- the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- the Methodist Hospital Research Institute

- Texas Children's Hospital
- the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Discussions also are under way with other potential participants, including such international collaborators as Mexico's Tecnologico de Monterrey.

In addition to Linbeck, the team includes Skidmore, Owings and Merrill as the executive and design architect, FKP Architects as the local associate architect, BR+A as MEP and Haynes Whaley as structural engineers.

###

About Linbeck:

Linbeck is a nationwide facility solutions company offering a variety of services including: project management, program management and construction management services. Since its inception in 1938, the company has been built on a culture based on integrity and trust. Using its collaborative TeamBuild[®] approach, Linbeck helps clients minimize risk and achieve optimal results. With offices in Texas, California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, Linbeck has executed in excess of \$1 billion in projects over the past three years. (www.linbeck.com)

Rendering Credit: Skidmore, Owings and Merrill