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Mueller Associates Joins Design Team for Historic Hirshhorn Museum Revitalization

Baltimore-Based Firm Has Completed More Than 100 Projects for the Smithsonian Institution

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Mueller Associates has been selected to provide mechanical, electrical, and plumbing engineering services for the modernization of the historic Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, a multi-year design project that will transform galleries and public spaces and enable the museum to address a significant increase in attendance in recent years. Mueller joins the architectural firms of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Selldorf Architects (SOM|Selldorf) for the project, which will include a complete rehabilitation of the interior and plaza, improved access, and updated infrastructure including building systems.

Mueller's participation in the Hirshhorn Museum's revitalization continues the firm's longstanding tradition of working with the Smithsonian Institution, including the current \$1 billion renovation of the National Air and Space Museum (NASM), located adjacent to the Hirshhorn on the National Mall.

Dating to 1978, Mueller has completed more than 100 projects for the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum and research complex. Many of the firm's projects for the Smithsonian, such as work at the National Museum of Natural History, the National Postal Museum, and the National Zoo, involve complex restoration and preservation design for iconic historic properties. This experience includes the rehabilitation of Mid-Century Modern structures such as NASM.

Mueller brings this level of expertise to benefit the Hirshhorn's revitalization. This modernization will enable the Hirshhorn to support new and diverse art programming well into the future. The building will be more sustainable and energy-efficient, with robust and resilient building systems. The work follows two major phases of modernization to the museum's campus, which have included exterior upgrades, a new roof, and redesign of the sculpture garden. The interior renovation will begin with the presentation of a visioning document in anticipation of SOM|Selldorf's concept design, which will include public engagement.

"Being part of another major and historic Smithsonian project on the National Mall underscores the level of service and quality the entire Mueller team brings to these significant cultural institutions," says Todd Garing, PE, LEED AP BD+C, president of Mueller. "All of our engineering staff—from entry-level to principals—recognize the critical roles we play in the preservation of these landmark buildings that will benefit millions of visitors from the United States and around the world for generations to come." Garing adds, "We look forward to working with SOM, Selldorf Architects, and the entire design team while continuing our long-held commitment and partnership with the Smithsonian."

About Mueller Associates

Established in 1966, Mueller Associates delivers mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering services for cultural facilities, museums, higher education institutions, libraries, performing and fine arts centers, historic preservation, government facilities, and other institutional and corporate facilities. Mueller specializes in engineering solutions for complex and stringent environmental control and energy conservation. The firm is a leader and innovator in sustainability and resilience.

Current and recent projects include the new Capital One Hall in Tysons, Virginia; George Mason University's new Fuse at Mason Square in Arlington, Va.; the modernization of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; the George Washington University Corcoran School of the Arts and Design in Washington, D.C.; Morgan State University's Tyler Hall in Baltimore; the Fernandez Family Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning at Loyola University in Baltimore; the Torggler Fine Arts Center at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va.; the Duke University InterProfessional Education and Care Building in Durham, N.C, and numerous projects for Northrop Grumman Corporation throughout the Baltimore-Washington University. For more information, visit www.muellerassoc.com.