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Skanska USA Building Announces Two Project Wins in Worcester, Springfield

Tapped for innovative co-generation and data center construction projects

Boston – Skanska USA Building Inc., a leading U.S. provider of construction management, preconstruction and design-build services, has been selected to serve as the construction manager for the co-generation facility upgrade at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester and for the construction of a second data center for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Information Technology Division (ITD) in Springfield.

“We are thrilled to have been selected for these highly technical projects in Worcester and Springfield,” said Paul Hewins, General Manager and Executive Vice President at Skanska. “This work exemplifies Skanska’s ability to drive innovative practices across industries and demonstrates our proficiency with energy management and generation.”

As the construction manager for the UMASS Medical Center co-generation facility upgrade, Skanska will implement additional steam capacity of the existing power plant as required to meet future demands for both the medical school and the hospital. In order to meet these demands, Skanska will construct a new control room and expand both the power plant and administration buildings, each by approximately 15,000 square feet. A minimum of five megawatts of additional electrical generation and 5,000 tons of chiller capacity will be implemented, along with the integration of new and existing plant controls. The power plant expansion building, which will be constructed utilizing Building Information Modeling (BIM) software, which enables the team to flag any potential technical and design issues, thereby saving time and money on the project. As a result of the upgrade, the facility will be energy efficient and environmentally sustainable. Skanska recently completed two similar facilities for clients in New York.

The \$66 million construction project for the Commonwealth’s second ITD data center is located on a site of more than two acres and contains 80,000 square feet of the remaining portion of the 100-year-old former Springfield Technical High School and will pursue LEED certification. The construction of the two-story data center facility will include nearly 70,000 square feet of computer room and supporting spaces. Energy conservation and “green data center” practices are a key part of the project, which is also expected to be designed and constructed using BIM software. The building is designed to achieve Mass LEED + and LEED Certification.

The University of Massachusetts Medical Center project is located alongside the Medical School on Lake Avenue in Worcester and is scheduled to commence in

March 2010 and is expected to be completed by August 2011. The ITD data center is located at 53 Elliot Street in Springfield and is expected to be completed by the spring of 2012.

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