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MPEA Selects Design-Build Team for Expansion and Renovation of Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel

CHICAGO (July 20, 2011) The Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (MPEA) today announced the selection of CBG Hotel Design-Builders as the design–build team for the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel. CBG Hotel Design-Builders’ team is made up of Clark Construction Group, LLC; Bulley & Andrews, LLC; Goettsch Partners, Inc.; Old Veteran Construction; McKissack & McKissack Midwest, Inc.; Primera Engineers, Ltd.; and Anderson/Miller, Ltd.

The planned new structure will rise atop the McCormick Place’s parking deck. The scope of the project includes a new 461-room guest tower, plus renovation of the existing 800-room Hyatt hotel and the adjacent Conference Center. The \$87 million project is expected to be completed in the second half of 2013.

MPEA chose CBG Hotel Design-Builders from nine submitted proposals, based upon its experience and the overall quality of its proposal.

Sweeping reforms legislation approved last spring by the Illinois General Assembly allowed the MPEA to restructure its debt and make changes to operations, including funding the on-site hotel’s renovation and expansion.

“We are pleased to move forward with the expansion of the Hyatt McCormick, which will allow us to provide our customers with enhanced on-site convenience and the first-rate service expected from the country’s premier convention center,” said Jim Reilly MPEA Trustee.

The MPEA has operated the 33-story Hyatt McCormick Place since 1998. It has received a Four Diamond AAA rating, one of the most prestigious ratings in the lodging industry.

“We’re very excited to be a part of the team that is working to design the newest and most impactful project that will help attract even more convention business to Chicago, since the opening of the McCormick Place West building,” said Tom Pagels, General Manager of Hyatt Regency McCormick Place.

MPEA owns McCormick Place and seeks to promote and operate conventions, fairs and expositions in the Chicago area, in an effort to strengthen the local economy. For more information, visit our website at www.mpea.com.

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