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McCarthy /Brooks + Scarpa/HMC Architects Unveils Team’s Vision for the New United States Courthouse, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif., December 14, 2012 — McCarthy/Brooks + Scarpa /HMC Architects have released their proposal for the Design Excellence/design-build competition for new United States courthouse in Los Angeles. The contractor lead design/build team was selected to compete thru the General Services Administration two-stage Design Excellence Program. The approximately 550,000 sq. ft. high-rise building located at 1st and Hill Street is designed to accommodate a future 175,000 sq. ft. federal office building. The proposed 320 foot tall structure will be certified LEED Platinum and will save nearly 2 million gallons of water per year.

Design Concept:

Inspired by the interweaving of a grand natural arch embedded with a memory of the scales of Lady Justice who represents the allegorical personification of the moral force of our judicial systems, the proposed design symbolizes the strength, dignity and balanced fairness of the Federal Court. As the visitor approaches they will discover that the acanthus leaf pattern ornaments both the precast and the glazing creating a connection to the iconic Corinthian columns at the entry to the U.S. Supreme Court – are interpretation in modern materials that connects to the best traditions of American justice.

The design delivers functional efficiency, security, and accessibility for the Court, the U.S. Marshal Service, and the other tenants and users. The design-build team’s collaborative effort resulted in a project that exceeds the GSA’s sustainability and energy conservation goals with proven, durable, low-maintenance strategies to deliver a LEED Platinum Courthouse.

Project Team:

General Contractor: McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.
John McRitchie: Principal-In-Charge, McCarthy
Architects: Brooks + Scarpa and HMC Architects
Lawrence Scarpa, FAIA and Kate Diamond, FAIA, Co-Lead Designers
Landscape: The Olin Partnership
Civil: Psomas
Structural: Thornton Tomasetti
Blast: Thornton Tomasetti
Curtainwall: Thornton Tomasetti
Fire, Life Safety: Rolf Jensen & Associates, Inc. (Fire, Life Safety)
MEP: WSP Flack + Kurtz
Sustainability: WSP Built Ecology
Acoustic/Security: Waveguide
Vertical Transportation: The Schachinger Group

About McCarthy Builders (<http://www.mccarthy.com>)

Founded in 1864 with over \$2.4 billion in annual revenue McCarthy is one of America's oldest privately-owned construction firms. Founded as a family owned business, we are now 100% employee owned. Across America each employee has a personal stake in our company's future. McCarthy has fostered an empowering and entrepreneurial environment directed towards providing clients with creative and value-oriented building solutions.

About Brooks + Scarpa Architects (<http://www.brooksscarpa.com>)

Over the past 10 years, Brooks + Scarpa (*formerly Pugh + Scarpa*) has won 18 national AIA awards, including the 2010 Architecture Firm Award and four AIA COTE Top Ten Green Building Awards. The firm has also received more than 60 state and local AIA awards. In 2008, Brooks + Scarpa received a Lifetime Achievement Award from *Interior Design*.

About HMC Architects (<http://www.hmcarchitects.com>)

Since 1940 HMC architects' work has been driven by the belief that design can change the world. We're passionate about putting design to work in service of larger more meaningful goals, whether societal, educational medical or cultural. HMC is 100 percent employee owned and has created award-winning architecture and interior design that is inviting, high-performing, environmentally sustainable and human-focused.