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NBBJ to Design Stanford University School of Medicine’s Learning and Knowledge Center

New Building to Serve as Gateway to School of Medicine

San Francisco – March 8, 2006 – The San Francisco office of NBBJ, a leading design firm, has won a national competition to design the prestigious Stanford University School of Medicine’s new Learning and Knowledge Center and a new master plan for their West Campus. The 120,000-square-foot building is the first of five new buildings expected to transform the medical campus—and the future of medical education—over the next 15 years. It will serve as a new gateway to the School of Medicine and a hub for all of its educational activities, in addition to enabling interaction and exchange between diverse medical, research, and educational students and staff. This year, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Stanford School of Medicine eighth for research among U.S. graduate schools, and as a top primary-care provider.

“The Learning and Knowledge Center is designed to bring together in one setting medical students, graduate students, residents, fellows, faculty, and community members and serve as a focal point for our transformative efforts,” said Philip A. Pizzo, MD, dean of the School of Medicine. “NBBJ is ideally suited to help us meet that goal.”

Expected to break ground in 2009, the project will be built on the site of the Fairchild Auditorium and will include renovation of adjacent Lane and Always buildings. Alongside such elements as a conference center and classrooms, the Learning and Knowledge Center will house the new Center for Immersive and Simulation-based Learning, where students and even seasoned practitioners can test their skills in a simulated operating room, emergency department, intensive care unit, or other clinical setting. The second-floor Knowledge Management Center, a 21st-century biomedical library, will have 90 percent of its core content available in digital format.

NBBJ was selected from a field of 12 firms as the master planner and design architect, in part due to its experience with designing innovative clinical, research, and educational spaces. Such recent California-based projects include Kaiser Permanente’s new flagship facility in Oakland; the J. David Gladstone Institute’s biomedical research building in Mission Bay; the Palo Alto Medical Foundation, San Carlos

Center; the San Diego Children's Hospital; Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego; St. Joseph Hospital of Orange, the Helford Clinical Research Hospital in Duarte; and the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

The firm is also a leader in the "bench-to-bedside" trend that the Learning and Knowledge Center will advance: the movement toward translational medicine that combines research and development with the ability to conduct clinical trials and even carry out treatment. Exemplifying this trend are the NBBJ-designed H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida, and the Children's Hospital of Columbus Research Building 11 in Ohio.

About Stanford School of Medicine

Stanford University School of Medicine is one of the country's top-tier medical schools and the oldest medical school in the western United States. Originally founded in San Francisco, it moved in 1959 to the Stanford campus, where it has major affiliations with Stanford Hospital & Clinics, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System. The School of Medicine is a research-intensive enterprise that is no. 1 in the country in terms of NIH funding per faculty investigator. The school's mission is to improve health through leadership and collaborative discoveries and innovation in patient care, education and research.

About NBBJ

NBBJ is a leading architecture, design and planning practice with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Columbus, New York, London, Beijing, and Shanghai. NBBJ's San Francisco office has planned and designed many of the world's leading research facilities including the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology (Calit2), The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, and the Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation. NBBJ's San Francisco office has also been serving a diverse institutional and corporate client base for more than 20 years.

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