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HOK SPORT, ORLANDO MAGIC SELECT 12 LOCAL MINORITY AND WOMEN BUSINESS DESIGN CONSULTANTS

KANSAS CITY, MO/ ORLANDO, FL – Architect HOK Sport and the Orlando Magic announced today the hiring of 12 local Central Florida minority and women businesses and five specialty consultants to provide design services assistance for the new Events Center in Orlando.

More than 30 percent of the design portion of the new Events Center will go to local MWBE firms, exceeding the 24 percent required by City charter and the blueprint for local development which was approved along with the community venues.

The minority and women business consultants and their respective scopes are: C.T. Hsu + Associates (Architectural Consultant), Baker Barrios Architects (Architectural Consultant), TKW Consulting Engineers (Structural Engineering Consultant), Brindley Peters & Associates (Structural Engineering Consultant), John J. Christie & Associates (MEP Engineering Consultant), IMDC Inc. (MEP Engineering Consultant), WBQ Design & Engineering (Civil Engineering Consultant), The J Nichols Group (Interior Design Consultant), Landscape Designs, LLC (Landscape Architecture Consultant), Group 3 Studio (Models Consultant Model Builder), Silkroad (Animation Consultant Visual Animator), NGI (Printing / Reprographics Consultant).

"From the outset of the community venues process, we have stated that a new Events Center would be a driver of economic development and opportunity for local citizens and businesses," said Orlando Magic Chief Operating Officer Alex Martins. "The unprecedented participation of more than 30 percent of the design fees being awarded to local and minority businesses is the first of many great success stories of how the new Events Center will benefit local citizens."

The local firms selected went through an open and competitive procurement process. Four design service informational forums were held in late May and early June to assist local firms in regard to involvement in the project.

"HOK Sport is committed to providing local opportunities where we do business," said HOK Sport Senior Principal Rick Martin. "This team of consultants will bring a local flavor to the overall design of Orlando's event center. We look forward to working with them as we design a civic icon for Central Florida."

The new Events Center, which is scheduled to be open in September 2010, will be home to the Orlando Magic and will compete to host major national events, concerts and family

shows. The City of Orlando will operate the new Events Center, while the community will own the facility.

The Events Center will be located just South of Church Street on the West side of I-4 in downtown Orlando.

The Magic's current home, Amway Arena, houses 17,500 seats in just 367,000 square feet of space. The new arena will feature in excess of 750,000 square feet of space – more space to incorporate more modern day amenities found in most professional arenas of the day – and seating which will be expandable to more than 20,000 seats to accommodate major national events.

Also hired as specialty consultants were: The Bigelow Companies (Concession / Food Service Consultant), Wrightson, Johnson, Haddon & Williams, Inc. (WJHW) (Audio / Visual / Sound Consultant), and RWDI Consulting Engineers & Scientists (Wind Study Consultant), Lerch Bates Inc.(Vertical Transportation Consultants), Heitman & Associates, Inc.(Building Enclosure Consultants).

HOK Sport has vast experience in arena design, including 32 professional arenas, 48 civic arenas and 56 collegiate arenas. The firm's experience includes such recent urban arenas as Pepsi Center in Denver; Toyota Center in Houston; and Philips Arena in Atlanta. Additionally, the firm is working on the only two professional sports projects striving for LEED Certification – the new Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. and the new Twins Ballpark in Minneapolis.

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About HOK Sport

HOK Sport is one of the world's leading design firms – and the only firm in the world dedicated exclusively to the design of sporting venues. As designers of some of the world's most identifiable sports and entertainment buildings, HOK Sport continues to define a building type which has played an increasing role in establishing the architectural fabric of modern cities. Their architects are the world's finest and most experienced, drawing from the combined expertise of more than 825 projects with construction value exceeding \$20 billion. HOK Sport's client list is diverse and comprehensive; it includes 24 Major League Baseball franchises, 30 NFL franchises, 80 professional and civic arena clients, 40 soccer and rugby teams and 120 colleges and universities. The firm has received more than 200 design awards, including three national design awards from the American Institute of Architects. With offices in Brisbane, Australia; London, England; Nashville, Tennessee; Knoxville, Tennessee; Denver, Colorado; and Kansas City, Missouri, their reach is worldwide. www.hoksport.com

About the Orlando Magic & New Events Center

Orlando's NBA franchise since 1989, the Magic is the developer of the new Events Center which will compete to host major national events, concerts and family shows. Opening in September 2010, the facility will be operated by the City of Orlando and owned by the Central Florida Community. The Events Center is part of a public building program which also includes a new Performing Arts Center and a renovation to the Citrus Bowl Stadium. On an annual basis the Orlando Magic gives more than \$2 million to the local community by way of sponsorships of events, donated tickets, autographed merchandise, scholarships and grants. Orlando Magic community relations programming impacts an estimated 75,000 kids annually. Over the last 18 years, more than \$13 million has been distributed to local non-profit community organizations via The Orlando Magic Youth Foundation. OMYF, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, focuses on helping every child in Central Florida realize their full potential, especially those most at risk, by supporting programs and partnerships that empower families and change lives. Ticket highlights for 2007-08 include: a franchise-most 8,417 seats priced \$25 or under per game; A \$25 lower bowl ticket; and for the 10th straight year tickets priced at \$10 per game. For ticket information log on to orlandomagic.com or call 407-89-MAGIC. Through NBA CARES, the league, players and teams will raise and contribute \$100 million for charity, donate more than 1 million hours of hands-on volunteer service to communities worldwide, and build more than 100 places where kids can learn and play over the next five years.

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