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**For Immediate Release**

**Destination Medical Center (DMC) Selects Subconsultant Team**

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency (EDA) has selected the subconsultant team which will assist with the planning of the DMC Development Plan. The team includes:

- Master Planner – EE&K, a Perkins Eastman Company
- Infrastructure Planner – Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc.
- Transportation Planner – Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates
- Market Analysis and Economic-Fiscal Consultant – AECOM

“This world-class team of planners brings a broad base of experience with projects globally, nationally and throughout the state of Minnesota,” says Lisa Clarke, interim executive director, Destination Medical Center Economic Development Agency.

The subconsultants were evaluated based on the selection process approved by the Destination Medical Center Corporation (DMCC). Selections were made based on the experience of the firm, capabilities of the team proposed, knowledge of the market, and strength of their response to the request for proposal among other factors. Consideration was also given to the firm’s experience with, and capacity to coordinate with, the City of Rochester’s current comprehensive plan effort. Consultants were shortlisted by the EDA and were qualified by the DMCC Board of Directors in January 2014. “Our goal for Destination Medical Center is to create a place of extraordinary quality and value, one that builds upon the DNA of Rochester so that new development is an organic evolution and interpretation of the city’s culture and character.” - Peter Cavaluzzi FAIA, EEK Design Principal.

All of the firms have a broad portfolio of national and regional experience. Transportation Planner – Nelson Nygaard – was a part of the team that completed the Rochester Downtown Master Plan. Infrastructure Planner – Kimley Horn and Market Analysis and Economic-Fiscal Consultant – AECOM – have offices in Minneapolis. Kimley Horn is in the process of opening an office in downtown Rochester.

The subconsultants will work with DMCC, the City of Rochester, Olmsted County, EDA staff, Hammes Company, the EDA’s project manager, and other consultants to advance the DMC Development Plan over the next year. A series of public forums will be held during the DMC Development Plan process to provide updates and gather input from the public as the plan progresses. The final plan will go through a formal 60-day review process in the City of Rochester and will be approved by the City Council prior to being adopted by the DMCC board.

The first public forum to introduce the consultant team will be held on Tuesday, April 22 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayo Civic Center in the Grand Ballroom.

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## About the Firms

### **EE&K, a Perkins Eastman company** <http://perkinseastman.com/>

Perkins Eastman is among the top design and architecture firms in the world. With more than 750 employees in 13 locations around the globe, Perkins Eastman practices at every scale of the built environment. From niche buildings to complex projects that enrich whole communities, the firm's portfolio reflects a dedication to inventive and compassionate design that enhances the quality of the human experience. The firm's portfolio includes education, science, housing, health care, senior living, corporate interiors, cultural institutions, public sector facilities, retail, office buildings, and urban design. In 2011, Perkins

Eastman merged with Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects (EE&K), significantly strengthening both practices. EE&K, a Perkins Eastman company is one of the few full service architectural firms in the U.S. that has successfully implemented visionary large-scale urban projects. With expertise in building iconic downtown areas, such as Battery Park City, Baltimore Inner Harbor, Circle Centre in Indianapolis, and the soon-to-open Target Field Station in Minneapolis.

### **Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates** <http://www.nelsonnygaard.com/>

Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc. is an internationally recognized firm committed to developing transportation systems that promote vibrant, sustainable, and accessible communities. Founded by two women in 1987, Nelson\Nygaard has grown from its roots in transit planning to a 115-person, full-service transportation firm with offices across the United States.

In keeping with the values set by their founders, Nelson\Nygaard puts people first. The company recognizes that transportation is not an end by itself but a platform for achieving broader community goals of mobility, equity, economic development, and healthy living. The company's hands-on, national experience informs but doesn't dictate local solutions. Built on consensus and a multimodal approach, Nelson\Nygaard's plans are renowned as practical and implementable.

### **Kimley-Horn & Associates Inc.** <http://www.kimley-horn.com/>

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. is one of the nation's most comprehensive and best respected engineering and land-planning firms. With more than 2,000 staff in 64 offices across the U.S. (including two in Minnesota, one of which is in Rochester), the firm offers full services in a wide range of disciplines including aviation, environmental services, intelligent transportation systems, forensic engineering, land development, landscape architecture, parking, renewable energy, transit, transportation, roads and bridges, urban redevelopment, water resources, and wireless communications. Kimley-Horn is ranked among *Fortune Magazine's* "100 Best Companies to Work For."

### **AECOM** <http://www.aecom.com/>

AECOM is a global professional services firm providing integrated design, planning, engineering, environment and program-management services to a broad range of markets. Formed from some of the world's leading consultancies, including Ellerbe Becket, Glatting Jackson, EDAW, DMJM, Earth Tech, ERA and many more, the company is configured to address the complex challenges facing its clients as AECOM embark on projects involving land, community or infrastructure. AECOM's purpose is to enhance and sustain the world's built, natural and social environments.

### ***About the Destination Medical Center (DMC) Economic Development Agency (EDA)***

*The DMC EDA is a private, nonprofit economic development corporation authorized by the DMC state statute to provide a broad range of development services including strategic planning, master planning, development, finance, oversight, as well as community outreach, communications, and marketing services to the Destination Medical Center Corporation (DMCC).*