

Miami Art Museum Design Team Complete

Miami, FL, August 20, 2008—Miami Art Museum (MAM) announced today that it has engaged 10 Miami-based architectural and engineering firms to help build MAM's new home in Museum Park. MAM's new 120,000-square-foot, environmentally friendly home in downtown Miami, planned for completion in 2012, will allow the museum to better serve diverse audiences and will also enhance the Museum's role as a bridge between continents and cultures.

Through this collaboration with Miami-based firms, the museum is ensuring that the new MAM will be built through a city-wide effort, with the local community invested in the project from its outset. The Miami-based organizations who will join Basel, Switzerland-based Herzog & de Meuron, architects of Beijing's famed Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium, in building the new MAM are:

- A.D.A. Engineering, Miami, as civil engineers
- Arquitectonica Geo, Miami, as landscape architects Arquitectonica Geo will also be involved in the architectural design related to the plaza between MAM and the Science Museum, the shared parking structure and other aspects of the building.
- Douglas Wood and Associates of Coral Gables, FL, as structural engineering subcontractors
- EE&G, Miami Lakes, FL, as environmental consultants
- JALRW Engineering, Miami, as mechanical engineering subcontractors
- Kaderabek Company, Miami, as geotechnical consultants
- Laura Llerena Associates, Miami, as landscape architect subcontractors
- Miller Legg Associates, Miami, as surveyors
- Schirmer Engineering, North Miami Beach, FL, as code consultants
- Tim Haahs & Associates, Miami, as parking consultants

In addition to the Miami-based firms, 11 additional contractors have been selected for various facets of the project. They include:

- ARUP Engineers, New York, as the project's lead mechanical engineers and as the structural engineers
- Cernak Peterka Petersen, Fort Collins, CO, as wind engineering consultants
- ConsultEcon, Cambridge, MA, as business planner
- FRONT, New York, as curtain wall consultants
- Handel Architects, New York, as executive architects
- Harvey Marshall Berling Associates, New York, as acoustical and audiovisual consultants
- JGL Management, New Jersey, as restaurant consultants
- Layne Consultants International, Denver, CO as security consultants
- Paratus Group, New York, as project director
- Stuart-Lynn Company, New York, as cost estimators
- Transsolar Energietechnik, Stuttgart, Germany, as energy use consultants

"It is important to MAM that local businesses help build this community resource," MAM Director Terence Riley said. "We have been in discussions with contractors who have developed innovative programs for training local trades in more complex skills."

During the coming year MAM will work with the architects and design team to continue to refine the design, with groundbreaking set for early 2009. The people of Miami-Dade have approved \$100 million in bonds towards the \$220 million projected budget and the Museum is in the midst of a capital campaign to raise the balance. The City of Miami has provided the land for the new museum.

The new MAM will be more than three times the size of its current facility, with 32,000 square feet of galleries, providing space for larger and more varied displays of the Museum's rapidly growing permanent collection and special exhibitions. The museum will be an anchor of the new, 29-acre Museum Park overlooking Biscayne Bay, which will include public gardens and sculpture installations. The building will also feature an educational complex with a library, auditorium, classrooms, and workshop space, and a cafe and store. The new design will stimulate and support collection growth and enable MAM to better fulfill its role as an educational resource for the city and beyond.

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