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Stadium Architect HKS Announces Local Subcontractors Most Sub-Contractors are Minority and Women Owned Businesses

January 18, 2013 (Minneapolis, MN) – At the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority’s meeting today, Chair Michele Kelm-Helgen announced that 18 Minnesota based firms and individuals will be providing support to the architect of the new stadium, HKS Sports & Entertainment.

“When the legislature passed the new stadium legislation, a major goal was to provide opportunities to Minnesota Companies,” said Chair Kelm-Helgen. “We have so many talented and diverse businesses and individuals in the state and many of these businesses have offered design services for the stadium construction project. It is wonderful that we have the opportunity to involve so many Minnesota firms in this large project.”

“While not required by the stadium legislation, the MSFA believed that it was important to set a Targeted Business Goal in the Design Services Contract to involve 11% of women owned and 8% minority owned firms in the planning and design of the new multi-purpose stadium.” Chair Kelm-Helgen added.

The subconsultants will be supporting HKS by providing a broad range of services such as civil engineering, landscape architecture, accessibility issues, interior design, exterior design, mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

One of the larger contracts is going to EVS, a firm specializing in civil engineering.

“EVS is very excited to work with the MSFA, Vikings, and HKS. For our team of diverse businesses working on this project, as Engineers and avid Vikings fans, this is truly a dream come true,” said Dennis Kim, President of EVS.

The subconsultants announced today are listed below:

The associate architects selected are Vikings Stadium Consortium; Studio Hive; Studio Five; Lawal, Scott Erickson Architects, all located in Minneapolis.

The structural subconstulants are Palanisami & Associates of Eden Prairie; Chase Engineering of New Prague.

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The mechanical, electrical and plumbing subconsultants are Coastwise Fireguard of Webster; Elert & Associates of Stillwater; TMC of Shorewood; M-P Consultants of Minneapolis.

The civil engineer subconsultant EVS of Eden Prairie is also contracting with MFRA of Plymouth; Pierce Pini of Blaine; HTPO of Eden Prairie; SEH of Minnetonka; and Greenway Consulting of St. Paul.

The landscape architect is Osland and Associates of Minneapolis.

The accessibility consultant is Ed Roether Consulting and his local subconsultant partner is Robert Juarez of Minneapolis.

The vertical transportation subconsultant is the Elevator Advisory Group of Apple Valley.

About the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA)

In May 2012, the Minnesota Legislature and the Minneapolis City Council approved funding for the new \$975 million multi-purpose stadium to replace the Metrodome. The new stadium is scheduled to open in time for the 2016 NFL season. The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA), which currently owns the Metrodome, will own and operate the new stadium. MSFA is also responsible for the design and construction of the new stadium.

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