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Harvard Jolly of St. Petersburg hired to design College of Business building

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The University of South Florida St. Petersburg has hired the St. Petersburg architecture firm Harvard Jolly to design a much-needed building for the College of Business.

Harvard Jolly, which designed the addition to the St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts, Sunken Gardens and the Albert Whitted Airport Terminal, will partner with Ikon 5 Architects of Princeton, N.J., the designer of numerous College of Business buildings including the Ourso College of Business at Louisiana State University, the Collins Center/Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University and the School of Business at College of Charleston.

“We are delighted to partner with a local firm of such distinction,” said USF St. Petersburg Regional Chancellor Margaret Sullivan. “I look forward to seeing how their innovative ideas will benefit our students, faculty, staff and the business community.”

Harvard Jolly was selected in a competitive process from among 20 architecture firms from around the country. The university staff, including faculty members from the USFSP College of Business, constituted a committee that narrowed the submissions to five firms that made hour-long presentations regarding their proposals.

The USF System Board of Trustees has designated the USFSP College of Business building a top priority for the coming year. The \$27.5 million project would be built on the site of Parking Lot 2 and include nearly 70,000 square feet of space, including technology-enhanced classrooms, faculty offices and public meeting space where the business community can engage with students.

The building would bring a level of synergy for the College of Business and a gathering place for the broader business community.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to partner with USFSP to create a first class College of Business. The new facility will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment for students and be a vital link to the business community,” said Bill Harvard, CEO of Harvard Jolly Architecture. “This facility will help USFSP integrate into the fabric of downtown St. Petersburg.”

USF St. Petersburg is a separately accredited university within the USF System, offering undergraduate and graduate programs in Business, Education and Arts and Sciences. For more information, go to www.usfsp.edu.

Harvard Jolly Architecture is one of the largest architectural firms in Florida. Founded in 1938 by William B. Harvard, Sr., the firm has seven full-service offices located in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, Jacksonville, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale. Harvard Jolly offers services in architecture, interior design and landscape architecture for higher education, K-12, healthcare, civic and library clients. Additional information about Harvard Jolly can be found online at www.harvardjolly.com.