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Design Underway for UNM's new McKinnon Center for Management at the Anderson School

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Albuquerque, NM (February 9, 2016) – The local firm of FBT Architects teamed with Boora Architects out of Portland, Oregon has been selected to design UNM's McKinnon Center for Management at the Anderson School. This new 65,000 square foot building will be the new front door of the business school, housing state-of-the-art educational spaces and facilities to support collaboration and connections with the business world and disciplines across campus.

After a competitive process attracting architectural teams from across the country, UNM selected the FBT/Boora team of to design the signature building for the McKinnon Center at Anderson School. This new building, to be executed as LEED Silver is phase one in a two-phase project to replace the aging 1960 era building. When all phases are completed, UNM Anderson will have flexible facilities designed to meet the School's projected instructional office space and enrollment needs for decades to come. The FBT/Boora team has begun design for the new facility and will be working closely with Anderson School and university personnel throughout the process. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2017 with a target date for completion of Fall 2018/Spring 2019.

Leading the design team as Principal in Charge and UNM's main point of contact is Susan Johnson, Principal and Director of Higher Education for FBT Architects. FBT Architects has a twenty year relationship with UNM and has completed 23 projects across all of UNM's campuses including the recent renovation and addition to Casterter Biology Hall.

"FBT has a deep understanding of UNM and their campus and a successful track record for delivering and managing large complex projects." says Susan Johnson, "A new facility will allow the Anderson School to continue to attract outstanding faculty and students. We're excited to give them a new home that will support their programs and allow them to grow into the future."

Michael Tingley, Principal in Charge for Boora, and his team will provide primary leadership of the design process in collaborative partnership with FBT's President and Director of Design Art Tatum. Other key members of the design team include: Tom Bauer with Boora will act as Design Manager, Ted Grumblatt with FBT will act as Project Manager and Jeanie Lai with Boora as Project Designer.

Boora recently completed the Stanford Graduate School of Business, recognized as one of the best business education facilities in the country. Boora's track record extends to a variety of campuses, having designed 25 university buildings in the last five years including prior work on UNM's campus where they designed UNM's Fine Arts Center. In addition to their academic work, Boora has designed over 1.5 million square feet of work space environments for Microsoft, Google and Airbnb. This combined experience gives them an intimate understanding of current trends in new business workspace environments where students will be seeking employment and enables them to design educational settings reflecting these trends.

“We are excited about this project and the opportunities it poses.” says Art Tatum, of FBT Architects. “Initial design thinking is focused on creating innovative learning environments that will transition Anderson students seamlessly into the professional world, create an enhanced identity for Anderson School and make a significant contribution to the UNM campus.”

“The Anderson School of Management is a perfect example and has been leading the way in nurturing innovation in the business community by preparing its students to think progressively and by providing a physical place for conversations to start, partnerships to form and initiatives to launch. The Anderson School’s new building should be designed as an incubator for all of this to happen.” adds Michael Tingley. “The FBT/Boora team is exploring how physical space supports the human interaction that inspires such innovation. We are very excited by our partnership, and the alignment with a forward looking client ready to focus on creating a place that will enable the Anderson School of Management to accelerate its leadership in teaching and preparing its students to energize the innovative spirit of Albuquerque and the world beyond.”

Opportunities for naming and sponsorship at the new McKinnon Center will be offered by UNM Anderson School of Management Foundation Board to Anderson alumni and local business and community leaders.

Rounding out the project team are local companies McCarthy Construction, Walla Engineering, High Mesa Engineers, Bridgers & Paxton MEP Engineers, Groundwork Studio Landscape Architecture, Balis & Company Cost Estimating, DL Adams Acoustic Engineers and EDI Integrative Sustainability Consultants.

About FBT Architects

Celebrating it’s 43rd year in business, Fanning Bard Tatum Architects AIA Ltd. is an architecture, planning and engineering firm headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico with regional offices in Farmington and Lubbock, Texas. Since its inception in 1973, FBT has become a regional leader dedicated to providing the highest-quality design coupled with superior client service. FBT Architects is an award-winning firm with an extensive portfolio in Education, Healthcare, Research, Hospitality and Municipal work with a broad Private Sector portfolio dedicated to sustainable design practices. Visit www.fbtarch.com.

About Boora Architects

Established in 1958 in Portland, Oregon, Boora Architects is an award winning architectural practice guided by core values of design, sustainability, innovation and positive social impact. The firm is a **national** leader in the creation of cultural, educational and workplace environments. From a single office in downtown Portland, their practice spans the country and their work has been recognized regionally, nationally and globally for its beauty, craft and stewardship. Visit www.boora.com

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