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Hardin Construction Proceeds With Bennett College Capital Improvements Project

Bennett's first major development in 30 years

GREENSBORO, NC (February 3, 2010)—A \$22 million capital improvements project is proceeding apace at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina, reports Hardin Construction Company LLC, the design builder for the project—the college's first major development activity in 30 years.

New construction on the 55-acre campus includes a three-story, 42,663-square-foot residence hall for honors students, with 151 beds; a 22,542-square-foot Global Learning Center consisting of conference, classroom and administrative spaces; and a 5,627-square-foot Children's House/Intergenerational Center, which will house various community resources including an elementary school laboratory school and resources for seniors.

The project will also rejuvenate the gymnasium and add additional athletic facilities to attain NCAA eligibility.

The development aligns with Bennett's goal of increasing the student population of 700 to 1,000 over several years.

"It is always exciting to be a part of the growth of a local educational facility, especially when the institution has specific plans for increased enrollment and for NCAA eligibility," said Tom Booth, Vice President and General Manager of Hardin's Raleigh office, which is overseeing the project. "We look forward to creating the facilities that will help Bennett accomplish its goals."

Hardin Construction Company has built more than five million square feet of facilities for higher education.

Construction began last fall at Bennett College—one of two historically black women's colleges in the country. The residence hall, sports complex and Intergenerational Center are scheduled to be complete this summer, and The Global Learning Center by January 2011.

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