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ALFOND INN AT ROLLINS SELECTS ARCHITECT AND GENERAL CONTRACTOR

WINTER PARK, FLA. (June 29, 2011) — Rollins College recently announced the selection of award-winning Baker Barrios Architects, Inc. to manage the planning, architecture, interior design and landscape architecture for the school's soon-to-be-built Alfond Inn at Rollins. In addition, Atlanta-based Hardin Construction has been named general contractor for the project.

The roughly 100,000 sq.-ft. facility will feature approximately 112 guest rooms, 8,000 sq.-ft. of ballroom and meeting space, iconic conservatory, signature restaurant, elevated pool deck, bar, fitness center and a series of courtyards.

Located at the former Langford Hotel site and just one block from campus and Park Avenue, the new hotel will serve as guest lodging to both Rollins and the greater Winter Park community, and will enable Rollins to host events and attract professional and academic conferences that cannot currently be accommodated on campus.

In late 2010, Rollins received a \$12.5 million gift from the Harold Alfond Foundation to construct the facility. The gift was structured to create a permanently endowed fund from the Inn's revenues, which will provide scholarships for students. Net operating income from the Inn will be directed to the fund over the next 25 years or until the endowment principal reaches \$50 million, whichever comes later.

"We are pleased to have been chosen for this project since it is such a unique gift that will benefit the needs of the College, the community and future students," said Tim Baker, founding principal of Baker Barrios Architects. "The Inn's design will reflect the classical historic Renaissance period of architecture to complement the College's campus, and will also feature Winter Park-inspired influences."

"The proposal from Baker Barrios Architects was a frontrunner among approximately 20 responses we received from firms across the U.S.," said Rollins Vice President for Business and Finance & Treasurer Jeffrey Eisenbarth. "Their innovative designs created a sense of place that exemplified their experience in the education and hospitality industries."

Baker Barrios Architects was recently named "Architecture Firm of the Year," the highest-honor bestowed by the Orlando Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The firm is known for their work on high profile projects to include Amway Center and the Dr. Phillips Center for Performing Arts, as well as multi-year public/private partnerships to include Creative Village in Orlando and Encore in Tampa.

Hardin Construction, which has built on more than 25 collegiate campuses, will manage the project out of its Orlando office.

“Hardin Construction is honored to be part of the team and to collaborate with Baker Barrios Architects, Inc. on the prestigious Alford Inn at Rollins. We have a shared admiration and respect for the timeless culture of Rollins College and the history of the City of Winter Park,” said Senior Vice President of Hardin Construction Charlie Dorr.

The Alford Inn at Rollins is expected to break ground before year-end with a projected summer 2013 opening date. The College will own the Inn and co-develop the property in coordination with The Olympia Companies. With the upcoming construction, Rollins anticipates adding 200 interim and 100 permanent full-time jobs to the local workforce.

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ABOUT ROLLINS COLLEGE:

Founded in 1885, Rollins College is Florida’s oldest recognized college, and is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of “America’s best colleges.” The College of Arts & Sciences offers full-time undergraduate programs in the liberal arts. Rollins Evening Program, the Hamilton Holt School serves the Central Florida community by offering exceptional undergraduate and graduate degree programs during evenings and weekends to students diverse in age, experience and professional development. The Crummer Graduate School of Business is ranked a top MBA program by Forbes and Bloomberg Businessweek. For more information about Rollins, visit www.rollins.edu.

ABOUT THE HAROLD ALFOND FOUNDATION:

Founded in 1950, the Harold Alford Foundation furthers the philanthropic legacy of Harold Alford, the founder of Dexter Shoe Company. The Foundation supports education, healthcare, youth development and other charitable institutions, predominantly in Maine.

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