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*BERGMANN TO DESIGN
NEW \$26M
BUILDING AT RIT*

NEWS RELEASE

Rochester, N.Y., January 26, 2010 – Bergmann Associates has been selected to design a new 78,000 square ft. building at RIT named *Institute Hall*. The \$26M facility will be the home to new programs in Chemical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering, expanded research labs and facilities related to the RIT-Rochester General Health System Alliance. The new building will form the final element of a new quadrangle joining several other recent research buildings on campus. It is envisioned to feature an atrium space with large integrated expanses of glass which will maximize day lighting to the building interior, utilize natural renewable materials and conserve energy, all which will leave a lighter footprint on the environment. Additionally, solar panel technologies that can easily generate enough energy to power the building will be studied as well.

“Institute Hall will become a magnificent multi-use facility that will support new programs in engineering, expand university research agendas, and support programs affiliated with our Rochester General Health System partnership,” says RIT President Bill Destler. “Institute Hall will also illustrate RIT’s commitment to a sustainable world, as the new building will be LEED certified.”

Bergmann Associates teamed with Francis Cauffman Architects of Philadelphia, PA for the new design at RIT. Bergmann is becoming nationally known for College & University building design and very excited to be a part of the RIT project.

“This project provides a significant and unique design opportunity for architectural expression on RIT’s campus. We hope to artistically translate RIT’s research and learning philosophy in this building design which will be a powerful recruitment tool as well a testament to the excellence in education for which RIT is well known,” said Richard Napoli, a senior architect with Bergmann Associates.

Construction on Institute Hall is expected to begin in the summer of 2010 with plans to open in the summer of 2011.

