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NEWS RELEASE

Jacksonville Mayor John A. Delaney today announced that he has accepted the recommendation of the Professional Services Evaluation Committee in the County Courthouse Complex Design Competition. The City of Jacksonville will enter into negotiations with Cannon Design, an international architectural, engineering and interior design firm. As part of The Better Jacksonville Plan, the city is building a new \$211 million facility that will cover several blocks just west of the new Federal Courthouse. The facility will become a part of a comprehensive judicial complex and is expected to be dedicated in 2005.

“Cannon Design has presented a facility that will complement downtown’s rich architectural heritage and serve as a dignified civic symbol of the public purpose it represents,” said Mayor Delaney. “The complex furthers the vision of The Better Jacksonville Plan by creating a grand entryway into the heart of our city.”

“We are honored to have been selected among a field of distinguished competitors,” said Joseph L. Calvarese, Managing Principal of Cannon Design and Principal-in-Charge of the courthouse project. “We set out to design the best courthouse in America -- a building that would invoke a true sense of dignity and justice to all who encounter it.”

Cannon Design beat out three other architectural teams vying for the job. Locally based KBJ Architects, Inc. teamed with San Francisco-based Kaplan McLaughlin Diaz. Another local firm, Rink Reynolds Diamond Fisher Wilson, teamed with Jacksonville-based Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. and Orlando-based DLR Group. Miami-based Spillis Candela & Partners teamed with Jacksonville-based Smith McCary Architects and London-based Porphyrios Associates.

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