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ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge chosen by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for cancer research facility

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ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge has been retained by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to provide design services for a new research facility at the Longwood Center in the Longwood medical area.

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge is charged with designing the model environment for Dana-Farber's mission to perform basic discovery research in cancer and related diseases in a safe, creative and productive research facility.

Through the use of novel approaches to laboratory design and program clustering, the new facility will facilitate collaboration, encourage new research directions and enhance the performance of high-impact research, and further strengthen a developing presence along Brookline Ave. It also will provide Dana-Farber with an unprecedented opportunity to reorganize its entire campus in a way that accelerates the application of basic discovery and translational science to treatments that advance the basic and clinical science of cancer in order to improve the lives of individuals, families and the community.

The research facility will be located in 154,000 s/f on five floors and will incorporate sustainable design principles consistent with U.S. Green Building Council Silver LEED standards. Work on the project began this year with phased occupancy to begin at the end of 2014.

"We're extremely excited to be working with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute on this important research facility," said Arthur Cohen, FAIA, LEED AP, founding principal of ARC. "Great strides are being made in the field of cancer research, and this new laboratory will contribute greatly to the search for cures."

In addition to Cohen, ARC principal Jeff Johnson, AIA, LEED AP, and senior associate Bryan Thorp, AIA, LEED AP, will spearhead the project for ARC. Thorp will serve as project manager.

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