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MARYLAND HORSE PARK ARCHITECT SELECTED

BALTIMORE, MD. (Wednesday, July 27, 2005) The Maryland Stadium Authority today announced that the team of Richter Cornbrooks Gribble and Gralla Architects (RCG/G) have been selected as the architectural consultant to manage the Maryland Horse Park feasibility study. RCG is a local architect with expertise in the design of public assembly facilities, including museums and visitor centers. Gralla Architects is a nationally recognized equestrian architectural firm that worked on the WestWorld of Scottsdale Equestrian Park Redevelopment, the Oklahoma State Fair Park Rehabilitation and Expansion and Kansas State University's Equine Education and Multi-Use Activities Center.

For the Maryland Horse Park project RCG/G will assist the Maryland Horse Park Selection Committee in evaluating proposed sites for the Park, perform a technical analysis of all proposed site locations, confirm the program, prepare a conceptual layout of the facility on the site selected, evaluate infrastructure and environmental issues and present the plans necessary for estimating the project costs. Site nominations are due on August 1, 2005.

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The Maryland Horse Park will be designed to attract national level show jumping and other show ring sports, be used for steeplechase, eventing, endurance riding and dressage as well as for a variety of other equestrian activities for all levels of skill and interest. The Park is expected to include an indoor arena, an outdoor pavilion, conference facilities and a museum which will celebrate Maryland's rich history and tradition in the horse industry. The Maryland Horse Park is expected to enhance the State's tourism appeal.

Alison Asti, Executive Director of the Stadium Authority, said, "We are very excited about the level of interest and enthusiasm being generated by this project. The architectural study and the related economic impact study will provide a basis for a cost and funding study. We are hopeful that the groundswell of support for the Horse Park will lead to funding by the Maryland General Assembly in 2006."

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