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# WALTER P MOORE AND HKS ARCHITECTS TO PRESENT ON SUSTAINABLE STADIA DESIGN AT THE 2015 GREEN SPORTS ALLIANCE SUMMIT

CHICAGO, IL — June 29 – July 1, 2015. The 2015 Green Sports Alliance Summit takes place at McCormick Place Chicago, where more than 800 industry stakeholders and leaders in the sports community gather to learn and share better practices and the latest innovations in greening operations, advancing the supply chain, and engaging fans.

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:15 p.m. CST, features a panel discussion entitled "Collegiate Sports Greening Lessons: Case Studies of Successful Initiatives, Projects & Partnerships." Walter P Moore's Dirk Kester (Principal and Director of Sustainable Design) together with HKS Architects' Greg Whittemore (Associate Principal and SVP) will discuss a case study on the University of North Texas (UNT) Apogee Stadium, which is the first newly constructed LEED Platinum stadium in the U.S. They will share lessons learned and the design methods employed to provide a LEED Platinum sports stadium in support of the client's long-term goal of carbon neutrality by 2040.

### Key points:

- The project started with a more modest LEED goal, but Platinum was achieved based on engaging diverse stakeholders in shared sustainability goals.
- Understanding the University's broader climate action plan the team used an approach
  informed by Whole Building Lifecycle Assessment to better understand the emissions sources
  associated with constructing and operating the stadium.
- The design team discovered that due to the unique nature of stadium construction a relatively large amount of the carbon emissions were a result of the materials used to construct the stadium. The design team developed a range of strategies to minimize these emissions.

Greg's and Dirk's presentation is part of a collegiate athletics facility discussion that highlights how colleges across the country have built successful collegiate greening programs including innovative supply chain and corporate partnerships, advanced green building practices, and increased student leadership on all sports greening efforts.

### About Walter P Moore / www.walterpmoore.com

Walter P Moore is an international company of engineers, innovators, and creative people who solve some of the world's most complex structural and infrastructural challenges. Providing structural, diagnostics, civil, traffic, parking, and

transportation engineering services, they design solutions that are cost- and resource-efficient, forward-thinking, and help support and shape communities worldwide. Founded in 1931 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, Walter P Moore's 500+ professionals work across 15 U.S. offices and five international locations.

Editor's Note: There is no period after the 'P' in Walter P Moore.

### About the HKS Sports & Entertainment Group / www.hksinc.com

The HKS Sports & Entertainment Group, ranked as one of the top sports and entertainment designers by BD World Architecture, has ushered in a new generation of multi-revenue-generating, world-class facilities. The group's portfolio includes Minnesota Multi-Purpose Stadium, Cowboys Stadium, Lucas Oil Stadium, Miller Park and major renovations and additions for U.S. Cellular Field and Dodger Stadium. These venues are known for enhancing and leveraging team brand, delivering an enhanced fan experience, and serving as destination environments. HKS is ranked among the top six architectural/engineering firms, according to Building Design+Construction magazine, and operates from 27 worldwide offices. For more information, contact Trish Martineck at tmartineck@hksinc.com.