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PERKINS EASTMAN JOINS RUTGERS UNIVERSITY IN UNVEILING DESIGN OF MULTISPORT TRAINING COMPLEX

High-performance Facility Will Transform the Student-Athlete Experience

New York, NY (November 7, 2016) Top international design and architecture firm Perkins Eastman congratulates Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey on the recent groundbreaking of the RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center in Piscataway Township, New Jersey.

Designed by Perkins Eastman, the 295,244 sf, four-story building will provide a state-of-the-art practice facility for men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics. It will be completed by June 2019.

Principal Scott Schiamburg AIA, AICP, LEED AP BD+C, leader of Perkins Eastman's Sports & Exhibition practice area, says: "Perkins Eastman is pleased to be a part of the team supporting Rutgers University and celebrating the groundbreaking of the RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center. The facility will anchor a new Livingston Campus quadrangle in front of The RAC, serving as a vibrant new destination and face of Rutgers Athletics." He continues, "We are proud to have designed this high-performance facility that will help support the championship culture for the student-athletes at Rutgers University."

The building will complete and activate a new Athletics Plaza, integrating existing pedestrian routes and linking the academic campus with the athletic fields—a visibility that will strengthen the identity of Rutgers Athletics.

This project realizes the first major initiative from Rutgers' 2015 Athletics Big 10 Build. The building will include spaces for sports medicine, strength and conditioning, nutrition and training table, and a sports performance lab to support the athletic program. A "Hall of Fame," Spirit Shop, and training table will operate off of the main public entrance lobby. An integrated multi-story parking deck will provide hundreds of parking spaces.

"This pivotal project signifies an affirmation of Rutgers University's commitment to its athletics program and its exceptional student-athletes who represent Rutgers on a national stage. The RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center will create an environment that will provide student-athletes outstanding support facilities for their athletic, academic, and social performance, and foster a sense of pride in the Rutgers community," said David C. Schulz AIA, Vice President of Planning, Development, and Design at Rutgers

University. "It will have a dramatic and wide-ranging impact on Rutgers athletic programs for years to come."

The RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center will be constructed adjacent to the Rutgers Athletics Complex (RAC) and the Rutgers Business School.

About Perkins Eastman

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