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## **GIDEON TOAL TO COLLABORATE WITH LEGORRETA + LEGORRETA FOR THE FORT WORTH MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY'S NEW FACILITY**

*Fort Worth, Texas* – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History has selected the architectural firm of Gideon Toal to team with Legorreta + Legorreta of Mexico City for its new facility. As the U.S. collaborator, Gideon Toal will be engaged in all phases of the design process and will be responsible for the execution of this challenging project. Construction is expected to begin in mid-to-late 2007, with completion expected in 2009.

Randy Gideon FAIA, the firm's co-chairman and CEO, will lead and oversee the project as principal-in-charge. The firm's director of design, Gregory Ibanez AIA, will serve as the local design lead, working with Legorreta + Legorreta to adopt its signature style. Gideon Toal's vice president, Kevin Crumpler AIA, will be the project manager, coordinating the team's efforts throughout the duration of the project.

"The addition of a Legorreta + Legorreta-designed building will further enhance the immense significance of the Fort Worth Cultural District," said Randy Gideon, "Gideon Toal is embarking on this creative collaboration with the Museum with enthusiasm, imagination and anticipation."

Several architectural firms were considered for the project, but Gideon Toal's presentation was "most potent and comprehensive," said Van A. Romans, president of the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. "The Legorretas felt they could work

best with Gideon Toal, but the ultimate decision was with our Board of Trustees' Architecture Selection Committee."

Gideon Toal is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As one of the leading architectural and planning firms in the region, it has played a significant role in shaping the urban fabric of the city. Current local projects include the Trinity River Vision, the new downtown campus of Tarrant County College, Acme Brick Headquarters, and the Tandy Center redevelopment. Recent institutional work includes projects for the University of Texas at Tyler, Texas A& M Commerce, The University of North Texas Health Science Center, and Tarrant County. Corporate clients include Ericsson, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Ryder Logistics and Bell Helicopter.

***About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History***

Dedicated to lifelong learning and anchored by our rich collections, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History engages our diverse community through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the stories of Texas and the Southwest.

The Museum features traveling exhibits and four core exhibit galleries, including DinoDig® and KIDSPACE®; the Noble Planetarium, Museum School®; and the Omni Theater, an IMAX dome seven stories high. Since the mid-1980s, the Museum annually welcomes more than 800,000 visitors, making it one of the most popular cultural attractions in North Texas.

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