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## **GREATER RALEIGH'S \$3 BILLION PLUS RENAISSANCE**

**Within the past two years and looking forward, the Raleigh area is transforming into the premiere event destination for entertainment, learning and technology in the Southeast.**

**Here are a few of our recently completed projects:**

### **New Downtown Raleigh Convention Center**

- Catalyst of downtown Raleigh's \$2 billion development and growing
- 500,000 total sq. ft. of state-of-the-art space
- 150,000 sq. ft. exhibition hall, 32,000 sq. ft. grand ballroom with reception area, 20 meeting rooms totaling 32,000+ sq. ft.
- 400-room, four-star Raleigh Marriott City Center with enclosed access to the center; 355-room Sheraton Raleigh Hotel adjacent to center
- Opened September 2008

### **Raleigh Marriott City Center**

- Raleigh Convention Center headquarters hotel
- 400 rooms, including 20 suites
- Almost 15,000 square feet of meeting space in 15 rooms
- Opened September 2008

### **Renaissance Raleigh Hotel North Hills**

- 229-room four-star quality luxury hotel that anchors North Hills' new mixed-use district
- Features 6 suites and a club level, almost 8,000 square feet of meeting space, including a 5,500 square foot ballroom and an upscale restaurant
- Access to the adjoining Natural Body Spa (a European-style day spa) and the new \$3 million Gold's Gym Athletic Center featuring 50,000 square feet of space including an all-weather Olympic swimming pool
- North Hills reopened in Fall, 2004 as Raleigh's "Midtown"- a district of three city blocks deigned to draw people with its sheer variety of experiences
- Opened December 2008

### **Fayetteville Street City Plaza**

- The 500 block of Fayetteville Street has been transformed into a scenic and inviting city plaza that includes flexible seating, planters and trees, and an interactive water fountain.
- Considered to be the new active “Heart” of down town Raleigh, the city plaza features four retail pavilions that offer many opportunities for shopping, dining, and drinks.
- The plaza provides an abundance of space and will welcome every event from music and parades, to markets and other special events.
- Designed by artist Jim Gallucci, the center piece artwork of plaza is four, 50-foot light towers that display a special LED lighting technique that will allow for diversity of use in the city’s celebration plaza.

### **New Terminal 2 at Raleigh-Durham International Airport**

- \$600 million redevelopment and expansion becomes RDU’s primary terminal.
- Accommodates the ever-increasing number of travelers using RDU and features 32 to 35 gates by tripling the size of the existing terminal.
- Efficiently guides passengers through ticketing, security, gates and baggage claim.
- Eight major airlines and 12 regional carriers currently offer nearly 450 daily flights to 37 nonstop destinations.
- Phase 1 of new terminal opened in October 2008 with most of the new front hall along with north concourse with 17 gates.

### **North Carolina Museum of Art Expansion**

- \$138 million expansion featuring new galleries and public spaces built in direct relationship to the environment
- Designed by Thomas Phifer and Partners of New York
- Increases gallery space by 40 percent and provide much-needed space for the Museum’s growing permanent collection
- Existing Museum building will be transformed into an education and temporary exhibition center, and will also house administrative offices, art service, and storage
- Received an unprecedented gift of Auguste Rodin works from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation in November 2005 to be displayed in the new galleries. The Gift of 23 works of art, including 22 bronze sculptures by Rodin, makes the Museum one of the world’s top Rodin repositories and the only cultural institution in the South with a major Rodin collection; as part of the expansion, the Museum will establish a Rodin study center and name a Rodin gallery and adjacent garden in honor of the Cantor Foundation
- Among the Rodin works are casts of the celebrated sculptures *The Kiss* and *The Thinker*, as well as *Cybele*, *Monumental Torso of the Walking Man*, *The Three Shades*, *Monumental Head of Pierre de Wiessant*, and *Jean de Fiennes*, *Vetu*, plus

Camille Claudel's *Bust of Rodin* and a demonstration piece explaining the lost-wax casting process of Rodin's *Sorrow*

### **New Contemporary Art Museum**

- It is the first Contemporary Art Museum in the Raleigh area.
- Originally established in 1983 and new facility will address its role as an urban cultural center, a downtown Raleigh meeting place, a catalyst for change and vital element in the region's urban renaissance
- Part of a 20,000 square foot redevelopment by Grubb Properties in downtown Raleigh's warehouse district located at 409 West Martin Street that will include residential, retail and/or office space components integrated into the permanent museum setting
- Design include two full levels, soaring interior space and two adjacent parking lots, plus both large and intimate gallery spaces, classrooms and new technology as both an art form and educational tool
- The Contemporary art museum will be working side by side with N.C. State design students assembling exhibits that reflect a unique perspective on creativity in everyday life.
- Opening in 2011

### **Projects on the Horizon:**

#### **Green Square Project at North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**

- Innovative \$100 million partnership involving private and state agencies in the development of an entire city block in downtown Raleigh
- Four-story project features Nature Research Center, office space for Department of Environment and Natural Resources, new banking center for State Employees Credit Union and more
- Nature Research Center is an almost 100,000 sq. ft. investigative science center as NASA just awarded \$500,000 toward a Space and Earth Observation Wing
- Will meet some of North Carolina's economic and educational challenges by providing hands-on training for science, technology and problem solving
- Expected to increase museum visitation by at least 200,000 annually
- Plans include a Daily Planet Plaza, and Science Café and Terrace designed to enhance Jones Street.
- Opening 2012.

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