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### **Goshow Architects Designs “Green” New York Residence Hall**

New York, NY (May 13, 2008) – Construction has begun on the new 600-bed student residence hall and activity center at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook, designed by Goshow Architects, one of New York City’s largest women-owned sustainable design architectural firms.

The 172,000 sq. ft. SUNY project is oriented to increase circulation between two adjacent quads. Six-bed suites are centered around living rooms with optimal natural lighting, a sustainable strategy utilized throughout the facility.

“Our design responds to today’s students desire for transparency and connection to the academic community,” says Eric Goshow, AIA, LEED-AP, Principal of Goshow Architects, who has more than 30 years of experience in architectural design and planning and a particular expertise is in the design of sustainable educational and institutional projects. “Incorporating additional sustainable design strategies, invigorates this process. The additional challenges posed by sustainable design are met by innovation. At the end of the process, you get a better building.”

Other sustainable features of the new residence hall and activity center include a highly insulated building exterior and use of recycled materials. New building technologies, such as pre-fabricated walls, and materials sourced locally, have allowed for a building design that will meet an aggressive occupancy.

Also integral to the design process was feedback from Stony Brook University’s President Shirley Strum Kenny and Dallas Bauman, Assistant VP for Campus Residences. Kenny committed the university to sustainable design by signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Kenny and Bauman also increased programmatic requirements for residential amenities and suite-style living – two things universities are beginning to need to offer to remain competitive in their recruitment of new students.

“Parents and students are expecting more amenities,” Bauman said. “It is no longer acceptable to build dormitories in the standard fashion with bathrooms down the hallway and no amenities in the buildings. The trend now is for suites with bathrooms and sometimes kitchens. There also is special housing now for families and community members with different lifestyle needs. Parents are willing to pay the increased price of student residences to make sure their children are safe and have a nice lifestyle. And high technology, of course, is a must.”

Goshow, who is the partner-in-charge on this project for Stony Brook University and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), added, “As architects, we have always sat down with the project’s stakeholders to prioritize the needs and programming of a new building. Working mostly with public-sector clients, we’re used to designing for a long-term life span.”

The residence and activity center are slated for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification and occupancy in Fall 2009.

Goshow Architects is a full-service architectural firm dedicated to improving communities through long-term, sustainable design solutions. Their extensive portfolio includes K-12 schools and higher educational facilities, multi-family housing developments, and projects for assorted government agencies, as well as private and not-for-profit developments. Established in 1978, the 40-person practice is a leading proponent of green design.

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