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DAVIS TO BUILD 9/11 PENTAGON MEMORIAL VISITOR EDUCATION CENTER

Local GC Selected to Complete Long-Awaited Center to Complement the Pentagon Memorial

Rockville, MD (December 19, 2017) – The Pentagon Memorial Fund recently selected DAVIS Construction as the general contractor for the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center (VEC) in Arlington, VA. The existing memorial, which opened in 2008, pays tribute to the 184 lives that were lost on September 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 was hijacked and crashed into the Pentagon. The VEC will provide historical information and necessary education about the tragic events of 9/11 for generations to come.

Each year, countless tourists, including school groups, visit the nation's capital. The Pentagon Memorial is currently the only 9/11 site that does not have a visitor or education center. The VEC is intended to help visitors understand the significance of the Memorial and to differentiate it from other memorials and monuments throughout the city. Exhibits, educational programs, guided tours, and reflection space are planned for the Center.

“There are so many young people who were not around then or aren't old enough to remember the events of that day. It's our job to educate them so that no one ever forgets. With the Pentagon Memorial Fund's leadership, the VEC will be a tremendous aid in providing that education,” said Jim Davis, President + CEO at DAVIS. The Pentagon Memorial Fund leads efforts to raise awareness and funding for the project.

DAVIS has dedicated seven senior team members to the project with combined veteran construction leadership of 145 years. Two members of the project team worked on the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial project. “Being a part of something of this magnitude – it's an honor. And it's emotional. Those tragic events are an important part of our history and now we have the opportunity to be a part of the learning experience surrounding it,” said Chris Hartzler, Project Executive at DAVIS.

The proposed VEC will be approximately 110,000-SF and located adjacent to the Memorial, within Flight 77's path. Fentress Architects is responsible for the design of the project. Construction will begin in mid-2019.

To support the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center project, please visit 911pmf.org.

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