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Llewelyn-Davies Sahni Announces Launch of the Highly Anticipated Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project

Houston, TX—(April 22, 2010)—Llewelyn-Davies Sahni (LDS), a leading architecture and urban design firm in Houston, announces that construction has begun on the Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project. LDS was hired to design the bridge and oversee the enhancement of portions of the Loop 610 South and Interstate Highway 45 serving the Gulfgate Center development in Houston’s East End.

The completed project will enhance the area surrounding I-45 and refurbish the pedestrian bridge spanning the 610 South Loop. The pedestrian bridge connects a Houston METRO Park & Ride to the Gulfgate Retail Area.

The Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project came to fruition when Wulfe & Co., the developer of the award-winning Gulfgate Center, secured a \$2.5 million Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) grant in 1998 through TxDot to fund the project with federal, city and private dollars.

“LDS is honored to be a part of this project to enhance the aesthetic on this stretch of highway near the Gulfgate Center,” said Randhir Sahni, president, LDS. “We enjoyed the privilege of create a striking visual focal point with the revitalization of the pedestrian bridge crossing over the 610 South Loop.”

In addition to LDS, the City of Houston, Wulfe & Co. and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are involved in the Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project. The City of Houston, with sponsoring entity Wulfe & Co., nominated this scope of work for the STEP grant. Federal funding was requested to support the project and TxDOT came on board to allocate the federal dollars.

The design of the refurbished pedestrian bridge reflects a nautical influence referenced from the intersection of Interstate Highways 45 and 610 being the gateway to the Gulf of Mexico. The bridge support extensions and new architectural cabling are designed to resemble the lines of a sailboat, and the bridge will feature unique lighting to make it an added focal point in the skyline at night.

In addition to the bridge, the Gulfgate Freeway Enhancement Project includes plant and tree landscaping as well as irrigation to: the frontage roads, both North and South sides, of Interstate Highway 610 South Loop between Telephone Road and Interstate Highway 45; to the frontage roads of Interstate Highway 610 South Loop interchange; and both

sides of Reveille Road between Interstate Highway 610 South Loop and Winkler Road. The landscaping will include trees, shrubs, sod, pavers, retaining walls, new and refurbished sidewalks and irrigation.

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About Llewelyn-Davies Sahni (LDS)

Llewelyn-Davies Sahni, a firm based in Houston, TX, is dedicated to being the world's leading architects, planners and designers delivering innovative buildings, master plans and strategies. LDS provides a range of international design consultancy services including architecture, planning, urban design, interior design, and healthcare facility planning. With the belief that good design and planning creates significant value, LDS has met the needs and expectations of a range of clients from major corporations, developers, and healthcare institutions to education and research organizations, public/private partnerships and local, state and federal government entities. LDS is driven by a desire to provide inspiring, innovative and sustainable solutions to complex challenges.