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**Llewelyn-Davies Sahni Oversees Development of Bioretention System at HCC Campus**

*Natural system filters runoff water using a greener method*

**HOUSTON, February 5, 2010** – Llewelyn-Davies Sahni (LDS), a leading architecture and urban design firm in Houston, announced that it is directing the design and implementation of a system of bioretention ponds at Houston Community College’s (HCC) Southeast Felix Fraga Campus (77003) located in East End Houston. LDS’s design of this project – a sustainable and environmentally friendly way of treating stormwater runoff – is on the leading edge of design trends when it comes to dealing with runoff water in a visually pleasing way.

This bioretention system consists of a series of six ponds around the HCC Drennan campus. These ponds fulfill the city of Houston’s requirements and serve as a way to naturally filter and clean runoff stormwater onsite as it moves through each sediment layer before entering the city’s drainage system. In designing the Drennan campus system, the LDS team focused on the aesthetic quality of the ponds and is working with a landscape architect, Environments&Co., toward that end.

“The genesis of this idea was not only to be green and meet the city requirements, but also to do it in a way that features the system as an amenity, “says Jason Baezner, Assoc. AIA, Project Manager. We wanted this to be an aesthetically pleasing yet functional aspect of the campus.”

The bioretention system is part of a \$30 million, 10-acre new campus planned to accommodate two HCC buildings and an HISD Early College facility. Professional services, including the campus plan, building and site development guidelines, and infrastructure improvements, are being designed and overseen by LDS. The first phase implementation including the bioretention system is expected to be completed for the 2010 spring semester.

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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.