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## **City of KCMO Selects Crawford Architects to Redesign Convention Center's North Dock**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 5, 2007)** – Crawford Architects announced that their firm was selected by the City of Kansas City, Missouri to provide design services for improvements to the Kansas City Convention Center's north dock. Improvements are needed to provide better access for loading and unloading at the north end of the convention center on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

The new design will accomplish three main goals:

1. provide efficiency and greater functionality;
2. improve accessibility to the exhibit hall level for trucks and pedestrians; and
3. offer a pleasing structure to the surrounding environment and to downtown workers and visitors.

“There is a functional need to provide a new loading dock on the north side of the convention center that will allow a more efficient load and unloading process for events using this entrance,” said Stacey Jones, Crawford's principal-in-charge of the project. “The north dock in its current condition does not allow loading dynamics as the west dock. The convention center needs to have several events in the exhibition halls and lacks the ability to load and unload from both directions,” he continued.

With the improvements to the north dock, the convention center will be able to obtain multiple exhibits at the same time because of the ability to load from both locations. This will result in more revenue from additional conventions in Kansas City.

Construction of the north dock is expected to begin in October 2007.

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