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MANUFACTURER AIDS IN CONSTRUCTION OF LIVING MEMORIAL TO JFK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc., Engineers Sustainable, Recycled Solution for Expansion Project

LUDLOW, Mass. – [Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.](#), a world-class plastics manufacturer specializing in extrusion blow molding and injection stretch blow molding, today announced the adoption of an environmentally sustainable solution for the most recent expansion project of the JFK Performing Arts Center in Washington, D.C. This 65,000 square foot project will provide a rehearsal space, classroom space, event and pre-function area, along with a 150-seat multipurpose room and much more.

Cobias USA Inc., will provide the voided slab technology to Facchina Construction Company Inc., based on the structural design by Robert Silman Associates. The design incorporates long spans without the use of beams and lightens the structure by displacing approximately 30 percent of the concrete normally required for a comparable flat slab.

Meredith-Springfield Associates will mold and construct roughly 20,000 blow-molded plastic spheres, which will reduce the amount of concrete needed for this project. The hollow, plastic balls will be used to create voids within wire cages used in the construction of the new expansion. The newly expanded center and memorial is scheduled to open in 2018, the new expansion will feature interior spaces with rising ceilings, filled with natural light.

These plastic spheres will help the JFK Performing Arts qualify for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) credits. The replacement of concrete reduces the weight and carbon emissions during shipping and reduces the time and energy during construction.

“We are proud to be a part of this expansion project that will be using recycled plastic. Sustainability is an important element of what we do here at Meredith-Springfield Associates,” said President and Chief Executive Officer, Mel O’Leary, Jr. “Throughout July and August we will be working to mold two sizes of these void formers for use in the construction project. Using the spherical products, you can eliminate the need for beams and take out as much concrete as strategically possible without sacrificing the strength of the slab. The end result is a building that weighs less, costs less and is environmentally friendly.”

The mastermind behind the new design of the project is world-renowned architect [Steven Holl](#). Working together, these innovative leaders will provide a creative space that is not only environmentally conscious, but is also a tribute to the late President, John F. Kennedy.

For more information about Meredith-Springfield, visit meredithspfld.com.

About Meredith-Springfield Associates, Inc.

An SQF-certified plastic extrusion and injection stretch blow molding manufacturing and engineering company in Ludlow, Mass., Meredith-Springfield has built a reputation for providing superior, high-quality finished products and a hassle-free experience to companies across the globe. The company’s core competencies include project management of extrusion blow molded articles from concept through commercialization, and creating process solutions to

enable optimal manufacturing of the most difficult articles. Meredith-Springfield offers the latest technology for molding PET and other resins to the existing client base and can take advantage of other global opportunities. Clients include American Distilling Inc., B&G Foods, Inc., Chesebrough-Ponds, Chevron Oil, Clairol, Clorox, Elizabeth Arden, Gillette, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft, PepsiCo, and Reebok. These are just a few of the companies who in the past, or at present, enjoy partnerships with Meredith-Springfield. Resin capabilities include HDPE, PP, PVC, PA, PET, EPET, TPE, TPU, ABS, LDPE and Fluoropolymers. Serving the medical, packaging, industrial, HBA, and food industries, Meredith-Springfield consistently demonstrates its capabilities in world-class product design and manufacturing and deepens its national and international relationships. Meredith-Springfield is also a consistent referral for companies of all sizes who need test-market quantities of custom blow molded prototype samples for research and development (R&D) and for "out-of-the box" concept development. For more information, please visit meredithspfld.com.

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