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Pepper / Brown & Momen Inc. Selected to Modernize Experiences at Shedd Aquarium

January 19, 2022 (Chicago, Ill.) – The Shedd Aquarium has selected joint-venture partnership Pepper | Brown & Momen Inc. to lead the construction of the Aquarium's substantial \$500 million, eight-year project to update its historic galleries with new animal exhibits and other improvements to the guest experience.

Pepper / Brown & Momen Inc. have begun preconstruction work on the multi-year project. The aquarium will remain open throughout the project's duration. Planned features include modernizing the original six historic galleries, enhancing all animal habitats, restoring the original walls of windows that at one time provided unobstructed views of the Chicago skyline and the lake, and revamping the public spaces and general amenities.

The substantial effort, which aligns with Shedd Aquarium's 100th anniversary in 2030, will transform much of the Shedd's mission, both onsite and across the Chicago area – on the water, in nature and in field-based research. It will include taking a deeper dive into serving Chicago school students with enhanced programming and outreach, creating a modern and revitalized aquarium experience through interactive exhibits, and increasing the Shedd's commitment to respond to the needs of wildlife crises across the globe through research and science.

Pepper was also involved in one of Shedd Aquarium's most significant previous transformations when the Oceanarium was constructed in 1991. A significant part of the current renovation involves creating a new tunnel that will connect the aquarium to the Oceanarium. The tunnel will culminate in a glass-enclosed, 190,000-gallon, 35-foot-long habitat that will surround patrons as they walk “under the sea.”

About Brown & Momen, Inc.

Founded by Chicago native Ernest Brown in 1988, Brown & Momen, Inc. continues its 33-year legacy of providing quality general contracting, construction management and carpentry services in the Greater Chicagoland area. Mr. Brown is an excellent example of

homegrown talent. He graduated from Dunbar Vocational High School and University of Illinois' Chicago campus. As an award-winning, MBE certified professional corporation located in the 4th Ward, BMI has a demonstrated commitment to both minority and resident businesses within the City of Chicago – always meeting, and typically exceeding, established goals for utilizing economically disadvantaged firms and tradespeople on their projects.

About Pepper

Pepper Construction represents some of the most advanced thought leadership in our industry. By integrating their high performance, lean and technological expertise into the company's operational processes, Pepper is transforming the future. Ranked as one of the top builders of sustainable projects in the nation, Pepper serves clients in a variety of markets such as healthcare, education, commercial interiors, manufacturing and industrial, civic and cultural, data centers, entertainment, hospitality and gaming, among others. In addition to the Shedd Aquarium, some of the firm's recent and current work in Chicago includes the Pepper Wildlife Center at the Lincoln Park Zoo, UI Health Outpatient Surgery Center & Specialty Clinics (also a joint venture project with Brown & Momen), the Starbuck's Roastery and WPP's Chicago Office Relocation in Fulton Market. For more information, please visit www.pepperconstruction.com.

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