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Architectural Firm Selected for Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2023 – The Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama Advisory Council has selected Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood (GMC) of Huntsville, Alabama, pending contract negotiations, to design, engineer, and oversee the construction of the Challenger Learning Center building in Rainbow City, Alabama.

GMC is one of the largest architectural and engineering firms in the region with offices across the Southeast. They are equipped to provide all of the services associated with architecture, interior design, civil engineering, environmental services, landscape architecture, planning, geotechnical engineering, and electrical engineering. GMC has significant experience designing schools, parks, hospitals, and many other commercial developments.

The future Challenger Learning Center will be part of a network of 35 Challenger Learning Centers across 24 states and three countries that has reached more than 6 million students worldwide. Challenger Learning Centers offer a variety of hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs, with the core being its simulated space-themed missions in fully immersive SpaceCraft, Mission Control, Briefing, and Transport rooms. The future Challenger Learning Center will serve students in Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Marshall, St. Clair, northern Jefferson counties, and surrounding areas.

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