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SITE SELECTED FOR NEW MULTISPORT COMPLEX

McDermott Sod Farm in La Vista Selected as Home for Nation's Top Amateur Sports Facility

Omaha, Neb. – May 7, 2015 – Nebraska Multisport Complex (NMSC) Board of Directors has selected 184 acres of land in La Vista, Nebraska, as the future home of the Multisport Complex (Facility). A real estate purchase agreement was executed between Nebraska Multisport Complex and Mike McDermott, Trustee of the Ada McDermott Revocable Trust. The due diligence period for this private sale runs through October 12, 2015. The site is owned by the Joe and Ada McDermott Family and has been used for decades as a sod farm by The Grass Pad / Loveland Lawns.

The project team conducted an exhaustive search for sites in the greater metro area using the following criteria: 100+ acres on relatively flat terrain; high visibility from and easy access to major thoroughfares; close proximity to hospitality infrastructure including hotels, restaurants, shopping and entertainment; and room for future expansion. Two sites met the criteria: the McDermott Family Sod Farm and approximately 120 acres of public land at Interstate 80 and the 24th Street Exit on the Riverfront in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

As part of the selection process, the NMSC project team, including representatives from Holland Basham Architects and Olsson & Associates, conducted preliminary due diligence on both sites and met with city officials and other interested parties of the Cities of La Vista and Council Bluffs. Officials from both municipalities expressed high interest in the project.

“It has been a pleasure to work with the City of La Vista and the City of Council Bluffs over the last several months,” said NMSC Chair Mike Cassling. “Both municipalities would have made excellent community partners. Regardless of the Facility’s location, the entire metro area will benefit from having a facility of this quality and size.”

The final site selection was made by the Nebraska Multisport Complex Board of Directors using the aforementioned criteria as well as the ability to acquire the land in a timely manner. Next steps for the project include a comprehensive due diligence on the site including land surveys, environmental studies and traffic analysis and detailed architectural drawings, moving the design from conceptual to schematic.

“We are honored that the McDermott Sod Farm has been selected as the home of the Multisport Complex,” said La Vista Mayor Doug Kindig. “The Facility is an amazing athletic campus and we’re thrilled that the City of La Vista will be its new home.”

In addition, the project team has had preliminary meetings with Sarpy County officials, providing information about the project’s scope and potential impact. In response to the Board’s decision Sarpy County Commissioner and Chair Brenda Carlisle said, “We are excited to see this facility come to Sarpy County. It will be a great complement to Werner Park and a great facility for the residents of Sarpy County.”

The Facility is comprised of a Natatorium consisting of five bodies of water, a Tennis Center with 12 indoor and up to 24 outdoor tennis courts, and 13 soccer fields with field turf and lighting. The Natatorium features Twin 50’s, the 2012 US Olympic Swim Trials warm-up pool which will be outdoors and a 54m x 26m x 10 lane indoor, championship pool which meets the new 2016 Olympic competition standards. The Facility will be available for use by local swimming, soccer and tennis teams and clubs; area schools, colleges and universities; and nonprofit youth and social service organizations. In an Economic Impact Evaluation conducted by the University of Nebraska’s Bureau of Business Research, the Facility is projected to generate \$17.8 million in new economic impact and bring more than 1.2 million visitors annually to the greater metro area.

“I’m pleased that the Board of Directors has selected the State of Nebraska as the site for the Multisport Complex,” said Governor Pete Ricketts. “This project will be an economic driver for the State and provide services that enhance the lives of Nebraska families.”

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015 and the Facility is expected to open in 2017. The McDermott site will accommodate the entire Facility, which will become one of the nation’s top amateur sports facilities and a game-changer for the Greater Metro Area.

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Nebraska Multisport Complex (NMSC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to facilitating healthy living and athletic excellence to people of all ages, abilities and background through a state-of-the-art, championship athletic park. Founded in 2012 after the purchase of the 2012 Olympic Swim Trials warm-up pool, the organization is building a multisport facility concentrated on swimming, soccer and tennis. The athletic campus will be home to a Natatorium with five bodies of water, a Tennis Center with 12 indoor and 24 outdoor tennis courts and four regulation Squash courts, and 13 regulation fields with field turf and lighting, including one stadium field, that will accommodate soccer, rugby, field hockey and Lacrosse.

The centerpiece of the athletic campus will be the indoor championship pool manufactured by Myrtha Pools® of Castiglione delle Stiviere (MN), Italy. This 54m x 26m x 10 lane pool will be the fastest pool in North America and the only pool in the nation to meet the new Olympic competition standards. The athletic campus will also be home to a grass field stadium with 3,000 seats and broadcast quality lighting.

The Nebraska Multisport Complex's commitment to healthy living and athletics will extend to the entire community through a programming model with training and classes designed for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest seniors, including training and technology support for local teams and athletes. The athletic campus will also provide state-of-the-art accessibility and the facilities and equipment to enable teaching, fitness, sport and training programs for the disabled and those with special needs including learn-to-swim and learn-to-play programs.

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