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**4240 Architecture Starts Work on New Student Housing Facility to Achieve LEED Silver Certification.**

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University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign hires the team of 4240 Architecture and KSQ Architects to innovate and improve upon the new housing standards developed for Ikenberry Commons.

**4240 Architecture  
and KSQ Architects to  
innovate new housing  
standards for University  
of Illinois Urbana-  
Champaign**

"Serving the University's diverse population of students with facilities that are accessible and innovative is a high priority for University Housing," says John E. Collins, director of University Housing at the University of Illinois.

As the third phase of University of Illinois' ongoing housing redevelopment plan, the 4240/KSQ plans for the new 99,000 square foot building, providing for more than 340 new beds, will adjust the originally designed massing and revise internal communal spaces as well as address students' preferences for double occupancy, semi-private bathrooms, and air conditioned living environments. This new residence hall will also complete the final phase of facilities designed to integrate students with severe physical disabilities as part of the University's renowned Beckwith program.

"We value the University as a sophisticated, engaging client who in turn values 4240's research based design approach and creative solutions," says Tom Brauer, Managing Principal of the Chicago Studio of 4240 Architecture. A proud University of Illinois alumnus, Brauer is pleased that his studio has been engaged to contribute to the high quality of the campus environment and student life at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Campus.

Joining 4240 is KSQ Architects, a well respected design firm with residence hall experience on campuses around the nation. The consulting team also includes Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects, KJWW Engineering (mep engineering) Matrix Engineering (structural engineering), Terra Engineering (civil), LCM Architects (universal design/accessibility consulting), Lerch Bates (elevator consulting) and Construction Cost Systems (cost estimating).

The design team will incorporate sustainable design principles and features into the building with the goal of achieving LEED Silver certification from the USGBC. Completion of the project is expected in the summer of 2012.

*Background: 4240 Architecture is an award-winning team of architects, planners and interior designers. 4240 designs sustainable, high performance buildings, community frameworks, and spaces ranging from entire neighborhoods, resorts, public and commercial architecture to interiors and private homes. Established in 2003, the firm's studios in Chicago [located at 42° latitude] and Denver [located at 40° latitude] comprise "4240." The firm is an effective, visionary team of*

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*professionals who are equally fluent in designing for urban settings and high-mountain properties – and for just about every context in between.*

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