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BCCI Helps Wharton School Make Historic San Francisco Move to Expanded Campus

San Francisco (August 11, 2011) — The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton | San Francisco campus will relocate in January 2012 to the historic Hills Bros. Plaza building at San Francisco's waterfront and has hired BCCI Construction Company as its general contractor to build out the new space. With the rise in Wharton MBA for Executives and executive education program participation over the past decade, School faculty and administrators developed a plan for a move to Hills Plaza that will offer enhanced space compared with Wharton | San Francisco's current facility at the Folger Building. The new campus will house 34,000 square feet of amphitheater-style classrooms, multiple break-out areas, a faculty lounge and dining room.

Ten years ago BCCI Construction Company constructed the original Wharton | San Francisco at the Folger Building which produced successful results and a long lasting professional relationship. "We are pleased to again collaborate with BCCI to ensure Wharton | San Francisco at Hills Plaza offers our students the best possible educational experience," says Maria O'Callaghan-Cassidy, senior director, Wharton Operations. "We have very high expectations for this project and have confidence in BCCI's abilities to create a new home for Wharton | San Francisco that reflects the excellence for which Wharton is so well known."

As part of BCCI's engagement by Wharton, it is assisting with preliminary budgeting, demolition, renovation, and sustainable project management to achieve a high ranking of USGBC LEED Gold certification. In addition to a relationship that dates back ten years, the School chose to work with BCCI Construction Company based on its ability to perform work as scheduled along with their expertise working in historic landmarks. Wharton | San Francisco's move-in date is January 2012, which coincides with the start of the MBA for Executives' spring semester. Thus far, BCCI Construction Company has completed demolition and coordinated the complex delivery of four massive 44-foot steel beams that had to be craned through a window – all while demonstrating sensitivity to the historic fabric of the space.

Planned "green" elements of the space include natural day-lighting from its multiple, expansive skylights and enormous arched windows that present sweeping views of the Bay Bridge and Embarcadero corridor. Adding to the student learning environment are advanced technological assets including HD conferencing systems which allow San Francisco students to virtually interact with counterpart students at Wharton in Philadelphia. For renderings or other images of the Hills Plaza campus for media purposes, please see Wharton's Flickr account here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thewhartonschool/sets/72157626870018642/>

About the Wharton School

The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania — founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school — is recognized globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. The most comprehensive source of business knowledge in the world, Wharton bridges research and practice through its broad engagement with the global business community. The School has 5,000 undergraduate, MBA, executive MBA, and doctoral students; more than 9,000 annual participants in executive education programs; and an alumni network of 88,000 graduates.

About BCCI Construction Company:

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