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Third Phase of UW Medicine Research Complex Breaks Ground in South Lake Union

SEATTLE —July 6, 2011—UW Medicine, Vulcan Real Estate and the National Development Council today announced the start of construction on the third phase of UW Medicine research hub in Seattle’s South Lake Union neighborhood.

Located on the adjacent west block of UW Medicine’s existing South Lake Union research complex bordered by Mercer Street, Republican Street, Dexter Avenue N.th and Bue N, the third phase includes up to three buildings totaling nearly 542,000 square feet of laboratory and office space. Slated for completion in spring 2013, the first building breaking ground (Phase 3.1) is a 183,000-foot laboratory building that will be home to more than 400 researchers. Two more buildings (Phases 3.2) totaling about 359,000 square feet could be built later on the same block.

“This third phase of UW Medicine’s expansion at South Lake Union will allow us to bring together additional researchers from critically important areas and build upon the collaborative work of these scientific leaders in state-of-the-art facilities,” said Dr. Paul Ramsey, CEO of UW Medicine and dean of the UW School of Medicine. “The new space will present tremendous opportunities for scientists across multiple research disciplines.”

“UW Medicine’s growing presence in South Lake Union contributes greatly to the critical mass of life sciences research organizations in the area that are leading breakthrough discoveries to improve global health,” said Ada M. Healey, vice president of real estate at Vulcan. “This expansion in South Lake Union creates new jobs and further enhances our region’s ability to compete globally and attract top talent.”

“The National Development Council (NDC) has been pleased to be involved with all three phases of the UW’s South Lake Union project. These projects represent an investment of \$360 million in new research facilities for the School of Medicine, which is making a significant contribution to the economic health of Seattle and the entire region,” said John Fink, western team leader and regional director for NDC, country’s oldest national nonprofit economic development organization. “Congratulations to the University of Washington, the School of Medicine and all of the team.”

Third Phase Will Advance Critical Research Programs

Researchers at UW Medicine’s facilities in South Lake Union are working to develop life-changing therapies and medical breakthroughs that will positively impact the health of future generations, both locally and globally. Research themes identified in the first Phase III buildings include vision sciences, immunology, kidney research, rheumatology and infectious diseases. UW researchers will work to make health advances and find cures in the following areas:

- Immunology, devoted to understanding the biology of the immune system, an area of research fundamental to many human disease conditions such as cardiovascular disease, bacterial and viral

infections, organ and stem cell transplantation and a wide variety of chronic disease, such as diabetes and Crohn's disease.

- Center for Emerging and Reemerging Infectious Diseases, addressing a wide variety of infectious diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites.
- Rheumatology, with research that will lead to better understanding of pathogenesis of systemic lupus erythematosus and inflammatory arthritis and rheumatoid arthritis.
- Kidney Research, addressing common kidney diseases including diabetic kidney disease and other diseases characterized by protein in the urine, such as glomerulonephritis and nephrotic syndromes.
- Vision Sciences with research that will lead to the discovery of new tools for diagnosing, preventing, and treating all manners of eye disease, including macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, inflammatory eye disease, cataract, and hereditary eye disease.

Important medical discoveries have already taken place at UW Medicine in its Phase I and II buildings and the new research groups in UW Medicine Phase III buildings will enhance the work already underway in areas related to heart disease, diabetes, and obesity, as well as breast, ovarian and colon cancers.

Phase III Buildings Create New Jobs, Address Research Space Needs
With no additional research space available at UW's main campus and

partnerships model, an approach that delivers efficiency, value and exceptional quality to the UW School of Medicine.

Philanthropic Partners

Beginning with Phase I, philanthropy has been a critical piece of the funding strategy for UW Medicine's research complex at 35th Lake Union. The Brotman Building, the Phase I building, recognizes the fundraising and advocacy leadership of Jeffrey H. Brotman. Phase II construction was made possible by early and generous contributions from Tom and Sue Ellison, Lynn and Mikey Oki Foundation, Quellos, Safeco, and the Orin Smith Family Foundation. Those and other donors are acknowledged on the donor wall of the Phase II Administration Building. The fundraising goal for Phase II is \$50 million, toward which UW Medicine has received an anonymous commitment of \$15 million, earmarked for the 3.2 building.

About UW Medicine

UW Medicine trains health professionals and medical scientists, conducts research to improve health and prevent disease worldwide, and provides primary and specialty care to patients throughout Seattle/King County and the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) region. UW Medicine includes: Harborview Medical Center, UW Medical Center, Northwest Hospital & Medical Center, Valley Medical Center, UW Neighborhood Clinics, UW School of Medicine, UW Physicians, and Airlift Northwest. UW Medicine also shares in the ownership and governance of the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance with Seattle Children's Hospital and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and shares in ownership of Children's University Medical Group with Seattle Children's Hospital.

UW Medicine has major academic and service affiliations with Seattle Children's Hospital, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Veteran's Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, and the VA Hospital in Boise, Idaho. The UW School of Medicine has been ranked #1 in the nation in primary-training for the past 18 years by US News & World Report, is the top public institution for receipt of biomedical research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and second among all institutions for NIH funding, public and private. UW Medicine's 2,000 full-time faculty and nearly 5,000 volunteer and part-time faculty include four Nobel Laureates, 33 members of the National Academy of Sciences, and 33 members of the Institute of Medicine. For more information, visit