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Ribbon-cutting Ceremony Oct. 27 for Northeastern Illinois University's New College of Business and Management Building

CHICAGO – Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) will celebrate the opening of its new College of Business and Management Building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 at the new building on the University's main campus, 5500 N. St. Louis Ave, in Chicago.

With the help of the Illinois Capital Development Board, the building was completed and opened in August 2009, after nearly two years of renovation. The 37,000 square-foot facility was designed by a team led by Ross Barney Architects, and the general contractor was Joseph Construction Company.

The building was designed for the College of Business and Management's departments and programs. The building will house the Dean of the College; the Accounting, Business Law, and Finance Department; the Management and Marketing Department; and Student Advisement. Light-filled faculty offices enclose the entire perimeter of the building.

In addition to these offices, the building has many other features especially beneficial to students including five high-tech classrooms, wireless internet throughout, a case study room, a computer lab, and a large, open, skylight-lit, student-centered gathering area in the heart of the building.

Amy Hietapelto, dean, College of Business and Management, said of the building, "Thanks to its innovative design, the faculty and students are enjoying a collaborative, student-centered

environment that also enables the college to deliver a superior learning experience using sophisticated instructional technologies.”

“The new College of Business and Management Building project was a great opportunity to create jobs and economic opportunities for the State of Illinois and enhance the educational facilities at Northeastern Illinois University,” said Jim Riemer, executive director of the Capital Development Board, which manages all state-funded, non-road construction projects. “It is a great example of Governor Pat Quinn’s commitment to make education more accessible and to keep improving the state’s economy.”

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