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INNOVATIVE TMC³ COLLABORATIVE BUILDING, ANCHORED BY LEADING RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, TO BECOME CENTRAL HUB OF TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER’S NEW LIFE SCIENCE CAMPUS

250,000-square-foot building to enable translational research initiatives for The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Texas Medical Center

(Houston, TX) - Texas Medical Center (TMC), The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas A&M University Health Science Center (Texas A&M Health), and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston) today announced that the TMC³ Collaborative Building, a joint research building located on the new TMC³ life science campus, commenced construction in January 2021 and is scheduled to open in fall of 2023.

The 250,000-square-foot building will house synergistic translational research initiatives for the four founding institutions. This state-of-the-art environment for three of the nation’s leading academic healthcare institutions will be shared with commercial life sciences companies and industry leaders.

Located at the heart of the 37-acre TMC³ campus and facing the site’s unique Helix Gardens, the four-story building is designed to foster ongoing collaboration between academic healthcare institutions and industry partners. To facilitate collaboration, the three academic healthcare partners are creating a 43,000-square-foot joint research lab comprised of both lab and office/co-working space. The space will be built as an open environment with state-of-the-art collaborative digital platforms to facilitate seamless idea exchange.

Beyond the founders’ shared space, 85,000 square feet of lab and office space will be developed for industry partners, and MD Anderson will create an additional 14,000-square-foot space for strategic initiatives. The building also includes 14,200 square feet that will host TMC’s strategic initiatives, Braidwell, the TMC Venture fund, and national venture and equity fund partners.

Four Leaders Sharing Space, Exchanging Ideas

MD Anderson has a comprehensive process underway to develop plans for its portion of the building, which will be designed to inspire innovation and cutting-edge research that is pursued through a team-science approach that embraces creative collaborations.

“MD Anderson is proud to be a founding institution in TMC³. This project represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Houston’s academic medical community to collaborate together
and with industry to advance our missions and accelerate knowledge and cures,” said Peter WT Pisters, M.D., president of MD Anderson. “TMC³ also represents a stepwise advance in the local life sciences ecosystem, which will create jobs and opportunity for Houston, the region and the state.”

Texas A&M Health will use the space as a new platform for pioneering advancements and commercial pursuits across the life sciences spectrum and other translational industries.

“This is about an opportunity for unparalleled collaboration,” said Jon Mogford, PhD, chief operating officer and senior vice president of Texas A&M Health. “By breaking down silos and bringing clinicians and scientists together in this resource-rich location to speed new therapies to market from regenerative medicine and advanced imaging to drug discovery and data sciences, we will have the ability to translate discoveries into preventions and treatments for patients in need.”

UTHealth Houston will leverage the expertise of its world-renowned scientists to expedite advancements in medicine. As a leader in the field of biomedical informatics, analyzing and identifying discoveries within large data sets is one of the innovative approaches its faculty will bring to TMC³.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to bring academics and industry together to accelerate discovery and medical breakthroughs,” said Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, M.D., president of UTHealth Houston. “With a focus on improving the health of our communities, we will elevate innovation and entrepreneurship, and work collaboratively to solve the greatest challenges of our time.”

**Strengthening TMC’s Position as a Life Science Destination**

The building will serve as the central hub of the TMC³ life science campus. It will include a 7,000-square-foot atrium that can seat up to 500 people for lectures, weekly programming, and informal events.

“The founding institutions behind the TMC³ Building are among the world’s leading innovators in health and science. Their work at both the bench and bedside saves lives. The entire spirit behind this building reflects a joint investment – both financially and strategically – in lifesaving research, data collaborations and technologies,” said William McKeon, president and CEO of Texas Medical Center.

Like the TMC³ campus itself, the building is bringing the collective commercialization of life science therapies to the Texas Medical Center for the first time in its 75+ year history. Collectively, the four founding institutions have invested $185.8 million in the building’s design and construction.

The building was designed by Boston-based Elkus Manfredi Architects, one of the nation’s premier life science architectural firms.
About Texas Medical Center

Texas Medical Center (TMC)—the largest medical city in the world—is at the forefront of advancing life sciences. Home to the brightest minds in medicine, TMC nurtures cross-institutional collaboration, creativity, and innovation among its 106,000-plus employees. With a campus of more than 50 million square feet, TMC annually hosts 10 million patients, performs over 180,000 surgeries, conducts over 750,000 ER visits, performs close to 14,000 heart surgeries, and delivers over 25,000 babies. Beyond patient care, TMC is pushing the boundaries of clinical research across its extensive network of partner institutions on a daily basis, pioneering effective health policy solutions to address the complex healthcare issues of today, and cultivating cutting-edge digital health applications and medical devices.