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**LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SELECTS ASSOCIATE ARCHITECT FOR WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE MEMORIAL**

**David Brody Bond LLP to work with Michael Arad and Peter Walker in the Realization of
the Design for the Memorial**

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation today announced the selection of Davis Brody Bond LLP as the Associate Architect for the World Trade Center Memorial, *Reflecting Absence*. Davis Brody Bond LLP will work with the Design Team of Michael Arad and Peter Walker in the realization of the design for the memorial.

Davis Brody Bond LLP, which has practiced in New York City for more than forty years, has an outstanding reputation earned on such notable New York City projects as Lincoln Center, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Apollo Theater Foundation, the New York Public Library, and the Whitney Museum. Davis Brody Bond's work has also included important public memorial complexes such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Atlanta and the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. The firm also has a long history and familiarity with the World Trade Center site. The firm, located in Lower Manhattan, employs approximately 90 people and is led by five partners.

John C. Whitehead, Chairman of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) said, "The successful completion of the memorial requires a multi-task team of highly specialized professionals. Davis Brody Bond LLP will play an important role on this creative team by bringing their extensive experience and expertise to work closely with Michael and Peter on their Memorial design."

LMDC President Kevin M. Rampe said, "The selection of a firm of such high caliber to work with Michael Arad and Peter Walker is an important step forward in the achievement of the memorial. Davis Brody Bond LLP has left their mark on New York City with exceptional projects and we are pleased to have them involved in working towards building the memorial that will honor all of those who lost their lives on September 11th 2001 and in the 1993 bombings. The contribution of a world-class architectural firm in the process will bring a depth of resources and understanding that will be essential in ensuring the vision selected is ultimately realized."

Michael Arad said, "I am looking forward to working with Davis Brody Bond and I am fortunate to have such strong support to assist me in this complex endeavor."

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Peter Walker said, "Peter Walker and Partners is delighted to welcome Davis Brody Bond to the team. Their experience and fine reputation will be a great addition to the design team."

The winning consulting team was chosen after a publicly advertised Request for Proposals that resulted in 17 proposals. Davis Brody Bond LLP (DDB) brings public sector experience, strong management, design advocacy, production skill, and diversity to the World Trade Center Site Memorial design team. DDB role as Associate Architect will be to preserve the intent of the original design, maintaining design quality through all stages of design, and being responsible for schedule, budget, and coordination. DDB has successfully collaborated with other Design Architects in the past. DDB's proposal and interview demonstrated an understanding of the complexities of this project and their commitment to its success.

Steven M. Davis, Partner of Davis Brody Bond LLP said, "It is an honor and a privilege for Davis Brody Bond to be selected as Associate Architect for the World Trade Center Memorial. The project is vital to the reconstruction of lower Manhattan and is an essential part of the healing process in the aftermath of September 11th. We are looking forward to working closely with Michael Arad, Peter Walker and the LMDC."

DDB is nationally recognized for its high quality design and innovative architecture, and has been honored by more than 100 major design awards, including the American Institute of Architects Firm Award, the highest honor given to an architectural practice. In 2000, the firm received the Presidential Award for Design Excellence for the U.S. Bureau of the Census building in Bowie, Maryland, and in 2003 the firm received the AIA Honor Award for the new South Court at the New York Public Library.

Additional information about the LMDC and the Memorial and Cultural program is available at www.RenewNYC.com.

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