

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan's oldest, largest, black-owned architecture firm, Hamilton Anderson Associates, has been awarded the commission to design a new multicultural center on the campus of Michigan State University. Partnering with Moody Nolan, the largest African American owned firm in the country, based out of Columbus, OH, the Hamilton Anderson/Moody Nolan team was selected from a roster of nationally recognized architecture firms for this project.

The design process began in earnest in June.

Located in Detroit, Hamilton Anderson Associates has been architects on several notable projects, including Wells Hall at MSU, Anthony Wayne Housing at Wayne State University, and City Modern Detroit in historic Brush Park.

"I am thrilled that we have this opportunity to create a facility, a place that will celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion and provide cultural education opportunities for all," firm president Rainy Hamilton, FAIA & NOMA, said.

"We look forward to working on the MSU multicultural center, which will be a transformative project that serves as a model for creating an environment that fosters diversity and inclusion," said Moody Nolan CEO Jonathan Moody. "Partnering with Hamilton Anderson Associates, our combined histories of design excellence will reflect the vision of Michigan State University stakeholders for this project."

The MSU multicultural center will be a safe place that will embolden students to examine the intersections of identity and unity, to think critically about diversity and social justice and to utilize their unique and collective voices to enact positive change. Michigan State believes that such a facility will provide cultural education opportunities for all and produce an increase in retention and graduation rates at the university.

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