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## US ARCHITECT TEAMS UP WITH JAPANESE FIRMS TO DESIGN NEW RESEARCH CAMPUS AND GRADUATE SCHOOL IN OKINAWA, JAPAN

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*San Diego, CA, August 9, 2005* – California-based KORNBERG ASSOCIATES | ARCHITECTS and Japanese firms Nikken Sekkei and Kuniken Ltd., have been selected to design a new research campus and graduate school in Japan. Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) is a government funded graduate university which will focus on the areas of biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, materials engineering, and math. The university and research institute will be Japan's only English language campus and is to attract esteemed scientists and honors graduate students from around the world. Dr. Sydney Brenner, Nobel Laureate and distinguished professor at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, is OIST's first President.

The 550 acre site, located in the central area of Okinawa Prefecture along its western coast, consists of a forested hillside area near the village of Onna, and connects to a beachfront area on the coast of the East China Sea. Design for the 700,000 ft<sup>2</sup> first phase of what will ultimately be a 2.5 million ft<sup>2</sup> building project, is just under way.

The selection of the team of Kornberg/Nikken Sekkei/Kuniken was the culmination of a search that lasted more than two years and concluded with an international competition by a number of world-class architecture firms.

Kornberg Associates, a San Diego and San Francisco Bay Area architecture firm, has been specializing in the design of highly technical research facilities for more than twenty-five years. Their work includes a research campus, for Bristol-Myers Squibb and Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France; Pfizer Global Research & Development's ~800,000 ft<sup>2</sup> research campus in La Jolla, CA; as well laboratories for other distinguished universities, medical institutions, pharmaceutical and biotech companies worldwide.

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