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**MARTIN/MARTIN, QUINN EVANS WIN
COLORADO CAPITOL DOME PROJECT**

Lakewood, CO – The Colorado Office of the State Architect (OSA), Department of Personnel & Administration, has awarded the design services contract for the Colorado State Capitol Dome Exterior Restoration Project to the team of Martin/Martin Inc. Consulting Engineers and Quinn Evans Architects.

This high-profile project, which is estimated at about \$11.6 million, will get under way in October after a construction manager/general contractor is chosen by the OSA. The Martin/Martin-Quinn Evans team was chosen because of firms' extensive historic restoration/preservation capability and experience.

“The restoration of the State Capitol Dome is a landmark project for the State of Colorado and for Martin/Martin,” said John Lund, PE, a Martin/Martin structural department principal, who will be the project manager. “This is a project that the entire state can get behind and support. We have been fortunate enough to have worked on some terrific projects over the years. All of us at Martin/Martin are very excited about the restoration of the Capitol Dome and are 100 percent committed to its success.”

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Michael Quinn, FAIA, Quinn Evans' senior principal, will lead the project as architectural principal.

"The restoration of the dome will preserve and renew this landmark for future generations," he said. "Similar to the Michigan State Capitol restoration, this will be an important step in recapturing the historic significance of this landmark as a major public attraction, and working to continue its efficient utility as the central legislative structure for the state."

Martin/Martin is a structural and civil engineering firm headquartered in Lakewood. The firm has completed more than 70 historic structure projects throughout the US including the renovation of Denver's Quigg Newton Auditorium Theater & Ellie Caulkins Opera House.

Quinn Evans Architects is a nationally recognized preservation architectural practice, with offices in Ann Arbor, Mich., Washington, DC, and Madison, Wis. The firm has received more than 80 national and regional awards for its work in 40 states. Quinn Evans was responsible for the exterior restoration and Governor's Wing of the Michigan State Capitol.

The Colorado, Michigan and Texas state Capitols were all designed by Elijah E. Meyers. Colorado State Capitol construction took place between 1886-1903. In 1908, Colorado gold miners donated 200 ounces of gold to the state for the gold leafed copper-clad dome.

Denver-based Humphries Poli has a regionally recognized preservation practice and will be the local associate architect for the project. Other key design team members include Cobra Consulting, Denver, whose president has six years of previous work experience with the Colorado State Capitol Life Safety

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Project; and Historical Arts and Casting, Salt Lake City, Utah, one of the premier metalwork renovation and manufacturing specialists in the US.

Specialized consultants who round out the team are: Rider Levett Bucknall, cost consultant; BCER Engineering, Inc., mechanical and electrical engineering; A.G. Wassenaar, environmental engineering; and Gary Steffy Lighting Design, Inc.

The OSA is currently seeking qualifications for a construction manager/general contractor for the dome restoration project. Contracts are expected to be signed in the fall and construction is scheduled to start in spring of 2011 after scaffolding installation.

Funding for the project is to come from two sources. In May Gov. Bill Ritter signed bills that created a public-private financing and fund-raising plan. House Bill 1402 authorizes the Legislature's Capital Development Committee to oversee a two-year fund-raising campaign that will solicit private funds to assist with the costs of the dome repair. Senate Bill 192 allows for use of State Historical Fund dollars to start the project and help cover the costs of the restoration and preservation work.

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