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## **NEW U OF M BASKETBALL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ANN ARBOR**

**Bloomfield Hills, Mich., May 19, 2010** — University of Michigan Athletic Department personnel, coaches, student athletes and design/construction team members attended a groundbreaking ceremony last week for the University's new Basketball Player Development Center. On May 10, 2010, construction began on the new 57,000 gross square foot center, which will connect to the existing Crisler Arena on its east side. The center will include dedicated practice courts, offices for basketball staff, larger locker rooms, state-of-the-art athletic training and workout areas, flexible-use meeting spaces, a team video room, and a Michigan basketball Hall of Fame. The \$23.2 million project is scheduled to be complete by Fall 2011.

In addition to the new center, designed by TMP Architecture, Inc., Bloomfield Hills, in association with Denver, CO-based Sink Combs Dethlefs, 43-year old Crisler Arena will also receive \$20 million in improvements, including new lower bowl seats and infrastructure upgrades. Funding for both projects is coming from a combination of donations and the Athletic Department. The general contractor for the project is Turner Construction.

Currently, both men's and women's teams practice and compete at Crisler, creating scheduling conflicts at the Arena. With the new facility's dedicated practice courts, most of these scheduling problems will be solved.

TMP, established in 1959, has offices in Bloomfield Hills and Portage, Michigan. The firm produces a variety of sports and recreation projects for college / university, K-12 educational and municipal clients. Recent projects include U of M's new Practice Facility for Intercollegiate Football, and the University of Arizona Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. The firm's current projects include a new Community Recreation Center for the City of Dearborn Heights and a Life Sciences Facility for Michigan State University's College of Nursing.

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