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NEW INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL RIVALS ELITE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE STRUCTURES

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., January 7, 2010 — At the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, the new 104,000 square foot Indoor Football Practice Facility gives the school new bragging rights – The Wolverines now have more indoor practice space than any college or professional football team in the world. Only Michigan and Texas A&M football programs have two indoor practice fields.

Michigan's \$26.1 million Al Glick Field House, as it is properly named, was completed in August 2009. Designed by TMP Architecture, Bloomfield Hills, MI, the field itself features a FieldTurf playing surface, with 20 feet of run-off behind each end zone, and 25 feet of clearance on both sidelines. The facility's height reaches 85 feet in the middle, narrowing to 60 feet at the hash marks. The clearances allow the team to practice at full speed, utilizing all portions of the field to closely simulate game day conditions. Punters and kickers can take advantage of the facility's height.

Observation and video platforms along the west sideline and south end zone provide convenient locations for coaches and video coordinators to observe and to film practices. The balance of the facility is comprised of support and storage functions, including a 2,000 square foot expansion and 3,000 gross square foot renovation of the team practice locker room located in the adjacent Schembechler Hall.

The building is located on the University's athletic campus, which is comprised of several buildings that give this portion of the University a unique architectural identity. Of these, the Intramural Sports Building and Yost Ice Arena provide the predominant historical context of large span buildings with richly detailed exterior masonry walls designed as the prevailing element. One of the major design objectives for the Al Glick Field House was to relate to these historical buildings. The design team intended not to duplicate the design details of Yost, but to instead complement them. The new Field House is detailed in a modern vocabulary to extend and



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celebrate the timeless architectural style of the Intramural Sports Building and Yost Ice Arena, while reinforcing the identity of the athletic campus along State Street. The facility provides a flexible, spacious, state-of-the-art complex.

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 the new Blue Water YMCA in Port Huron, Michigan 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, Michigan and a Life Sciences Facility for Michigan State University's College of Nursing.

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