NYU Selects Mitchell|Giurgola Architects, LLP to Design the New Headquarters for CUSP, NYU’s New Applied Science Center

New York University announced today that the firm of Mitchell|Giurgola Architects, LLP (M|G) has been selected to design the renovation of 370 Jay Street, the future headquarters for the Center for Urban Science and Progress (CUSP), NYU’s new applied science research center.

“M|G’s proposal demonstrated a strong vision for CUSP’s overall design needs,” said Steve Koonin, Director of CUSP. “Everyone is pleased with M|G’s selection and excited to work with its team on this ambitious undertaking which will not only transform 370 Jay Street into a permanent home for CUSP, but into an asset moving Brooklyn further into the tech and innovative sphere.”

New York City-based M|G has more than 40 years of experience with complex design renovations, infrastructure upgrades, adaptive reuse projects, and interior fit-outs in the City. The firm’s design credits include science & research laboratories, large mixed-use buildings, and commercial office buildings. As a local firm, M|G also has a significant understanding of the City’s public approvals process and has worked extensively with New York City’s Board of Standards & Appeals, Public Design Commission, and Department of Buildings.

M|G is widely recognized for its work; the firm has received more than 75 professional honors, including the Architectural Firm Award & the Medal of Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects, Excellence in Design Awards from the Art Commission of the City of New York, and Chicago Athenaeum Awards for Excellence in Design.

In addition, M|G also has a proven record of success with NYU building projects. It recently completed a large-scale renovation of NYU’s School of Continuing & Professional Studies, which included classrooms, conference rooms, computer labs, and offices. M|G is also currently working on the design of NYU’s new physics laboratories within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The design team will be led by M|G partners Carol Loewenson, FAIA; Paul Broches, FAIA; and Stephen Dietz, AIA.

Construction on 370 Jay Street is expected to be complete by 2017. Repurposing the long-dormant building will create a hub for science and technology that will connect the emerging tech community in Downtown Brooklyn with CUSP and NYU-Poly’s existing campus. Under current plans, 370 Jay Street will be transformed into classrooms, offices, and laboratory space for CUSP. An additional 40,000 square feet will be used as incubator space for technology-based businesses. The remaining space will be used for other NYU needs.
“The selection of an architect to spearhead the transformation of 370 Jay Street from underutilized office space to the new home for the Center for Urban Science and Progress is exciting news for our neighborhood,” said Downtown Brooklyn Partnership President Tucker Reed. “We have no doubt that the designs produced by Mitchell Giurgola Architects will be fitting of the cutting-edge innovations that CUSP begins producing when they welcome their first new class of students to Downtown Brooklyn this fall.”

About Mitchell|Giurgola Architects, LLP
Mitchell|Giurgola Architects was formed in 1958 and established an office for general practice in New York City in 1968. Today, the firm is led by nine partners and remains committed to the belief that architecture is capable of enriching the daily experience. The firm’s portfolio of completed projects, with a strong emphasis on technically complex building design, has been widely recognized for design excellence. More information about Mitchell|Giurgola can be found at http://www.mitchellgiurgola.com/.

About NYU’s Center for Urban Science & Progress
CUSP is an applied science research institute created by New York University and NYU-Poly with a consortium of world-class universities and the foremost international technology companies to address the needs of cities. At the heart of its academic program, CUSP will investigate and develop solutions to the challenges that face cities around the world. This research will make CUSP the world’s leading authority in the emerging field of “urban informatics”. For more news and information on CUSP, please visit http://cusp.nyu.edu/.