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Mayor Michael B. Hancock Leads Groundbreaking for National Western Center Horizontal Integrated Construction

DENVER – Mayor Michael B. Hancock, the National Western Center Authority, Horizontal Integrated Contractor (HIC), Hensel Phelps, and elected officials hosted a groundbreaking ceremony today for horizontal construction on the National Western Center's redevelopment project. The ceremony recognized the start of horizontal construction that will prepare the site for new key facilities to open by 2024.

"Just over three years ago, Denver residents said 'yes' to the vision of the National Western Center because we all recognized the importance of keeping this historic institution a part of Denver's fabric.," Mayor Hancock said. "The support of the Denver community and the dedicated work of all of the campus partners has brought us here today, one step closer to realizing the community's vision."

Denver City Council adopted the National Western Center Master Plan in 2015, which outlined eight phases for the completion of the campus vision. The National Western Center, when complete, will transform the historic north Denver site into a year-round global destination for agricultural heritage and innovation. Phases 1 and 2 of construction are officially underway, led by the Mayor's Office of the National Western Center.

"Today signifies a milestone for the National Western Center and the official next step in moving forward the unified vision of this project," said Gretchen Hollrah, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of the National Western Center. "We are excited to work with a team of talented contractors who are dedicated to joining the journey to preserve our roots in a world-class facility for agricultural innovation in the heart of Denver."

As the HIC, Hensel Phelps will oversee preparations to make the site ready for vertical construction of Phases 1 & 2, the revitalization and development of the riverfront open space, sitewide infrastructure work, site investigations and survey, the relocation and structuring of National Western Drive and Bettie Cram Drive, and the consolidation of the Denver Rock Island Railroad rail lines.

Phases 3 through 8 of the project are known collectively as "The Triangle." The City is currently seeking a public-private partnership to design, build and ultimately maintain the Triangle portion of the National Western Center. The Triangle will complete the NWC campus and key assets. It will also complete the City's commitment to environmental clean-up of the site, ensure the Stock Show remains in Denver for the next century and create jobs.

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