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NIVEN ARCHITECTS WINS ACADEMY CONTRACT

Darlington-based, Niven Architects, has been awarded the contract to assist a national building contractor with the design and construction of St. Lawrence Academy in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

Work has begun on the building, which dates back to 1925, including major demolition of the east and west parts of the school while the original central main hall and the front façade of the building will be retained. Following the demolition of these buildings, Niven will add new two-storey wings to house state of the art teaching and student services facilities. In addition, there will be some refurbishment of the retained building including the original sports hall and main assembly hall.

The leading architectural practice is working with contractors, May Gurney, who won the North Lincolnshire *Building Schools for the Future* award, to fulfill the contract.

The renovation of the school for 11 to 16 year old boys and girls is costing £8.2 million and will be implemented in two phases with phase one being completed in September 2012 and phase two in September 2013.

Dave McKeag, Niven Architects, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded such a significant contract, which has developed into a much bigger project than we originally thought and there is the potential for additional work to follow once we complete both initial phases by the end of September 2013. I must praise the whole team working on this project for their dedication and contributions, as considerable effort has been required to ensure that the additional work is achievable and to the highest possible standards.

He adds: “The architecture and construction industries have faced many challenges over the last few years, yet we are pleased to report that we are experiencing an upturn in work streams across the region and further afield. I believe Niven’s strength and ability to sustain its market share, lies in the diversity of its clients, both historically and currently, coupled with repeat business from satisfied clients.”

Niven Architects is a leading architectural practice providing a holistic service from concept through to final delivery. The company has extensive experience and expertise spanning 25 years in providing quality and excellence in all aspects of architectural design and project management.

Its service proposition is robust and comprises pre-development consultation, architectural design, visualisation, planning, project management, sustainability services and interior design. While it has a rich heritage in North East England, the practice works within all development sectors nationally and in some cases internationally.

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About Niven Architects

- Niven Architects is based in Darlington and was established in 1984.
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