



## **NoackLittle Architecture and Interiors Designs State-of-the-Art Learning Studios for UT Dallas Campus**

AUSTIN, TX. March 9, 2009 – Austin-based NoackLittle Architecture and Interiors (NLAI) will provide interior design services for the University of Texas System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction (OFPC). The interior design project, now underway, is for the Math Science and Engineering Teaching/Learning Center Building. It is a \$700,000 project with 74,000 square feet of space. This building houses the School of Natural Science and Mathematics, including the departments of Geosciences, Physics, Chemistry and Math Science. The project is now underway with an August, 2010, completion date scheduled. NoackLittle will provide interior design services in conjunction with the specification and selection of moveable furnishings.

The building will accommodate state-of-the-art learning facilities geared for teaching the sciences. In light of increased reliance on technology in schools and universities today, this project will focus on designing environments that foster stronger relationship-building between students and with teachers. Jen Bussinger, Director of Interiors for NoackLittle says, “A portion of our commission will involve designing for a Scale-Up learning studio, which is a technology-driven classroom that enables more active communication between the teacher and teams of undergraduate students working on short learning assignments.” Scale-Up stands for Student Centered Active Learning Environment for Undergraduate Programs. More than a decade of research supports this model for improved learning. Bussinger adds, “Our work will address how the design and furnishing of the physical space will best support the Scale-Up learning model. This approach really represents the vanguard in higher education institutions today.”

Designing for sustainability is also an expectation of UT’s OFPC for this project, and one that NoackLittle will make central to its design process. Bussinger says, “We will use best practices for sustainability in our design process on this UT Dallas project.” Austin-based NoackLittle Architecture and Interiors (NLAI) is a full-service firm, known for designing award-winning commercial projects for everyday clients. NLAI was founded on the belief that good design can be the valued standard across our communities, regardless of budget. Solving design problems with budget-appropriate solutions that come from a design-driven process is the firm’s hallmark.