



## **Interior Design Services Commission for UT Student Activity Center Goes to NoackLittle Architecture and Interiors**

AUSTIN, TX. March 9, 2009 – Austin-based NoackLittle Architecture and Interiors (NLAI) has received a commission for interior design services from University of Texas System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction (OFPC). The interior design project, now underway, is for the Student Activity Center on UT Austin's main campus. It is a \$2.7 million project, encompassing 105,000 square feet of interior space and an additional 46,000 square feet of landscaped courtyards and roof terraces. The Center, planned, funded and occupied by students, will include activity spaces, meeting areas, casual lounges, dining and outdoor gathering spaces.

NoackLittle will approach this project as an opportunity to focus on creating a strong sense of place for the university community and conveying UT's brand value. "The student activity center is an important "cultural" place on a university campus like UT. It is a highly visible gathering place where UT's distinct culture and brand speak," says Jen Bussinger, IIDA, Director of Interiors for NoackLittle.

Designing for sustainability is also an expectation of UT for this project, and one that NoackLittle will make central to its design process. Bussinger says the University is seeking LEED certification for this project. "We will use best practices for sustainability in our design process on the Student Activity Center. We will work with the OFPC to seek LEED Certification from the US Green Building Council."

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.