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KRENT PAFFETT CARNEY OF BOSTON SELECTED TO DESIGN NEW NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER EXHIBIT ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Philadelphia, PA (June ##, 2004) – President and CEO Richard Stengel announced that the National Constitution Center has selected Krent Paffett Carney, a full-service exhibition planning and design firm based in Boston, to design an exhibition about Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution, scheduled to open in July 2005. The firm was selected from a pool of nearly two dozen companies from around the country.

The exhibition highlights the three constitutional issues Lincoln was forced to deal with as a President: secession, civil liberties during wartime, and emancipation. Visitors will trace Lincoln's path from the Illinois State House and the halls of Congress, to the Gettysburg battlefield and the White House. As they journey through Lincoln's past, visitors will also be challenged to draw links with the present and look to the future. The exhibit will feature more than 100 images, historical documents and artifacts from the collections of The Lincoln Museum, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and other nationally prominent institutions. In addition to these exhibit elements, Lincoln's voice – in the form of excerpts from his writings and speeches – will enable visitors to hear first-hand his thoughts and views on issues such as equality, slavery, freedom, democracy, justice and the Constitution's rule of law.

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“We are excited at the opportunity to work with the innovative design team at Krent Paffett Carney,” said Stengel. “Their vision and expertise in exhibit design will undoubtedly help make this a must-see experience for visitors in July 2005.”

Over the past 25 years, Krent Paffett Carney has worked with the State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Children’s Museum of Boston, the Virginia Air and Space Museum and the Hagley Museum. The firm is best known for *Whodunit? The Science of Solving Crime*, an award-winning traveling exhibit developed for the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. For the Lincoln exhibition, Krent Paffett Carney will partner with The American History Workshop of Brooklyn, NY, the lead developer of an educational resource program and traveling exhibit commemorating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

The Lincoln exhibition was made possible through a \$1 million grant from Lincoln Financial Group in celebration of its one hundredth anniversary. With headquarters in Philadelphia, the company provides annuities, life insurance, 401(k) and 403(b) plans, 529 college savings plans, mutual funds, managed accounts, institutional investment and financial planning and advisory services.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia’s Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established by Congress in 1988 to increase understanding of the U.S. Constitution and its relevance to the daily lives of Americans. It is the first museum in the world devoted to dramatically telling the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibit components, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts.

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The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates; and as a home for visiting scholars and experts. The National Constitution Center is the first museum in the country designated as a member of the National Archives Experience Alliance Initiative. For more information, please call 215.923.0004 or visit the Center's Web site at www.constitutioncenter.org.

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