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## **CRAA selects team to explore conceptual design of new CMH terminal**

COLUMBUS, OH – The Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) Board of Directors today approved a resolution to initiate professional design services for a new John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) terminal with the award-winning global architecture, design and planning firm Gensler.

Gensler provides experience-focused, socially responsible design across an array of project types, including many notable and inspirational airports spanning the globe. For this project, Gensler has partnered with Moody Nolan, a Columbus-based design firm that recently won the prestigious AIA Architecture Firm of the Year award in 2021.

“On behalf of the CRAA Board of Directors, we are pleased to take this significant first step for our region’s primary passenger airport,” said William Heifner, CRAA Board Chair.

“We were delighted to receive many strong proposals from the world’s top design firms,” said Joseph R. Nardone, CRAA President & CEO. “Gensler with Moody Nolan not only brings the most experience and skill, but the highest level of participation with local and diverse business partners. Together with our talented CRAA team we are well-positioned to execute this initial phase of planning.”

The existing terminal, which opened more than six decades ago in 1958, is reaching the end of its useful life. As investments in aging infrastructure are being strategically evaluated, the airport authority has the opportunity to plan for a new terminal that will serve Central Ohio for years to come.

“CRAA and its Board have a future-focused vision for a terminal that offers an engaging passenger experience for the people of Ohio, for whom the airport is a regional gateway,” said Bill Hartman, Principal at Gensler. “We, along with our partners at Moody Nolan, are honored to support CRAA in shaping the future of CMH.”

Future phases of the project will be determined through design analysis and subject to CRAA Board approval.

### **About CRAA**

The [Columbus Regional Airport Authority](#) connects Ohio with the world by managing and operating passenger-focused [John Glenn Columbus International Airport \(CMH\)](#), cargo-focused [Rickenbacker International Airport \(LCK\)](#), and general aviation airport Bolton Field (TZR). Columbus travelers have access to nearly 50 nonstop destinations via CMH and LCK. [Click here](#) to see where we’re flying. [Click here](#) to connect with CRAA online.

### **About Gensler**

Gensler is a global architecture, design, and planning firm with 50 locations across Asia, Europe, Australia, the Middle East, and the Americas. Founded in 1965, the firm serves more than 3,300 active clients in virtually every industry. Guided by determined optimism, we believe the power of design can spark positive change and create a future that promotes equity, resilience, and wellbeing for everyone. More on Gensler’s aviation practice can be found [here](#).

## **About Moody Nolan**

At Moody Nolan, we practice responsive architecture and responsible citizenship – designing spaces unique to our clients, community and the environment. As the largest African American owned firm in the country, we believe great design happens at the intersection of innovative ideas and divergent points of view. Our projects garner national attention, receiving more than 320 design citations and awards from industry-leading organizations. More on Moody Nolan can be found [here](#).

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