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**Robert A.M. Stern Architects, MFM Design Selected as Design Team for
*The Museum of the American Revolution***

PHILADELPHIA, PA November 1, 2011—The American Revolution Center (the “Center”) today announced the selection of the design team for *The Museum of the American Revolution*: Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP, will design the building and MFM Design will be responsible for the exhibits. The museum will be built in the historic area of Philadelphia, across the street from the First Bank of the United States and steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The museum will display the Center’s distinguished collection of weapons, artwork, manuscripts, and commemorative artifacts from the period of the American Revolution to tell the stories of the American Revolution and its ongoing legacy.

H.F. (Gerry) Lenfest, Chairman of The American Revolution Center, said, “Robert A.M. Stern Architects and MFM Design were chosen through a rigorous selection process. In their distinct disciplines, each firm has the expertise to lead our efforts to develop a world-class museum that will inspire and engage people from around the world about the extraordinary people, places and events of the American Revolution.”

"At last, the long-cherished dream of very many—a fixed place to celebrate and interpret the American Revolution—will be realized on a terrific site a stone's throw from Independence Hall," said Robert A.M. Stern, Founder and Senior partner of Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP. "Our intention is to portray the institution we are asked to serve, to find an architectural expression that will foster and facilitate an important conversation across time, mirroring the ideals of the Revolution that have inspired us for more than two centuries."

Richard Molinaroli, President of MFM Design, said, “We are honored to have been selected for this important project. We look forward to presenting the Center’s collection of rare and fragile artifacts, including documents and textiles, in the context of good story-telling as we strive to bring to life the life and times of the Revolutionary generation.”

Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP has completed a number of buildings that present important themes in American history, including the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and the Museum Center at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut. The Museum for African Art on Museum Mile in New York City and the George W. Bush Presidential Center at Southern Methodist University in Dallas are currently under construction. In Philadelphia, the firm's work includes Comcast Center, a 57-story corporate headquarters building for Liberty Property Trust, and the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The firm's founder and senior partner, Robert A.M. Stern, FAIA, is a practicing architect, teacher, and writer. He has been Dean of the Yale School of Architecture since 1998.

MFM Design brings over twenty-five years of experience in planning and designing interpretive exhibitions for museums and cultural institutions, such as the Museum of Natural History, the National Museum of African Art, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The firm has designed new museums in the United States and Japan, including Mount Vernon's visitor gateway facilities, the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center at Historic St. Mary's City, the Frazier History Museum in Louisville, and Musée Tomo in Tokyo. Other clients include the Smithsonian Institution, the National Park Service and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The American Revolution Center

The American Revolution Center is a non-partisan, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to engaging the public in the history and enduring legacy of the American Revolution. The Center owns a distinguished collection of objects, artwork, firearms, and manuscripts, and is working to establish a living memorial to the American Revolution—The Museum of the American Revolution. The Museum will be built in the historic area of Philadelphia, just steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. For more information, please visit www.AmericanRevolutionCenter.org or call toll free, 877-740-1776.

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