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Cambridge, MA – September 1, 2006 – The Stubbins Associates is pleased to announce the completion of Piano Row, a new high-rise residence hall for Emerson College. Located at 150 Boylston Street directly opposite the historic Boston Common, the 14-story building will accommodate 560 students in multi-bedroom suites, and also includes three floors of student activity space plus a NCAA tournament-quality basketball court with weight training room, coaching staff offices and Alumni Sky Box. Piano Row is the first entirely new residence hall to be constructed in Emerson’s 126-year history.

Piano Row is unique in several respects. In order to create the clear-span space necessary for the basketball court, extra-deep foundations were required along with long-span trusses that support the weight of the bed tower above. The entry level provides direct public access to the basketball court as well as separate secure access to the student rooms. The main level includes the entry lobby, offices and meeting areas plus an interior open-air courtyard. Level two includes a café as well as additional areas for study, meetings, and offices. The steel structure was especially designed to permit full eight-foot ceiling heights in the student suites despite a strict overall limit of 130 feet for the building height.

Construction began in 2004 and the first steel was put in place in July of 2005. The building is clad in Indiana limestone and features large “recessed” bay windows that afford sweeping views of the city in all directions. The Stubbins Associates was the architect; structural engineering was by LeMessurier Associates and MEP engineering was by Shooshanian Engineering, Inc. The project has many sustainable design components and is targeted for a LEED rating.

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