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MEDIA ALERT

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WHO: HDR Engineering and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Officials

WHAT: Announcement of \$10,000 Gift to Mechanical Engineering

WHEN: Friday, May 15, at noon

**WHERE: President's Area (Chapman Conference Room), Corpus Christi Hall,
Second Floor**

HDR Engineering Makes a \$10,000 Commitment to the Mechanical Engineering Program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – HDR Engineering, Inc. will be on campus Friday, May 15, to announce its commitment of \$10,000 toward the upcoming mechanical engineering program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on April 30. Classes begin in fall 2009.

HDR's Corpus Christi office, established in 1985 as Shiner Moseley and Associates, is the international center for HDR's ports, marine, and coastal engineering groups. Locally, HDR is a leader in roadway, drainage and municipal solid waste design and in providing environmental permitting and surveying services. HDR, founded in 1917 as the Henningson Engineering Company, is a 7,500 person employee-owned architectural, engineering and consulting firm with more than 165 locations worldwide.

Several area businesses have joined the City of Corpus Christi and Port of Corpus Christi in support of having a mechanical engineering degree program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. Last fall a \$1 million pledge was made by the city for the program.

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