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**Peter J. Davoren to Chair Beacon Institute's
Capital Facilities Working Group**

*President and CEO of Turner Construction Company to Oversee Construction of
Institute's "Green" Research Facilities*

(Beacon and Troy, NY) – Peter J. Davoren, President and Chief Executive Officer of Turner Construction Company, has been named chair of the Capital Facilities Working Group of the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries. In this senior advisory role, Davoren will oversee the design and construction of the Institute's two major capital projects: the Center for Advanced Environmental Research in Beacon and the Upper Hudson Research Center at Troy.

Davoren joined Turner Construction Company in 1978 after graduating from Pratt Institute's School of Architecture with a bachelor of science degree. He became senior vice president of the firm's New York region in 2000 and was named president of the Company in 2003. In 2004, he accepted the additional role of chief executive officer.

Turner Construction Company completed more than \$9 billion of construction in 2007 and is the leading general builder in the U.S., ranking first or second in the major segments of the building construction field. The 500 LEED APs on staff have gained the skills necessary to enable the company to work on more than 300 "green" building projects. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a third party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

Turner Construction Company is involved with several prominent regional projects including the Computational Center for Nanotechnology Innovation at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, RPI's unprecedented Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center (EMPAC), the renovation of Colonie Center in the Capital District and the new Yankee Stadium in the Bronx.

"Peter Davoren and Turner Construction Company are synonymous with excellence in the construction industry," said John Cronin, Beacon Institute Director and Chief Executive Officer. "We are honored by Peter's commitment of time and energy to the Institute's mission. His leadership and experience in sustainable building will ensure exceptional outcomes as we move forward in the construction of Beacon Institute's 'green' research facilities in Beacon and Troy."

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“New York State’s economic vitality and quality of life are directly tied to the health of the Hudson River,” said Davoren. “Beacon Institute’s initiative to create a sensor network capable of real-time ecosystem monitoring of the Hudson is both inspiring and compelling, and its partnerships with IBM, Clarkson University, RPI and others certainly command attention. The Institute’s planned research facilities in Beacon and Troy will be instrumental to the technological innovation that is driving New York State’s environmental progress and I am excited about the prospect of overseeing the group that will bring these two new research facilities to life.”

The Center for Advanced Environmental Research

Croxtton Collaborative Architects, leaders in green building design, are spearheading the planning and design for the Center for Advanced Environmental Research (CAER) at Denning’s Point in Beacon. CAER is the Institute’s flagship 30,000 square foot research facility for the innovation and development of technologies for real-time observation and monitoring of complex river systems. CAER initiatives will focus on innovation and development in emerging technology, networking and data analysis related to environmental sensors.

When completed, CAER will become the physical and virtual home for the River and Estuary Observatory Network (REON), the first technology-based monitoring and forecasting network for a major American river and estuary.

The Upper Hudson Research Center at Troy

Beacon Institute, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and the City of Troy are collaborating to design and build the Upper Hudson Research Center at Troy, a state-of-the-art, sustainable 11,000 square foot environmental research facility that will launch new educational and research initiatives to preserve river ecosystems. The facility will be located on an industrial site on the Troy waterfront adjacent to the Poesten Kill. It is an important development project in the City of Troy’s waterfront revitalization plans and is located on the site of the former Rensselaer Iron Works, which manufactured rivets and bar iron for the *USS Monitor*, the ironclad warship from the Civil War era.

Construction of the facility will begin following completion of an environmental cleanup of the property as part of New York State’s Environmental Remediation Program.

About the Beacon Institute:

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, with offices in Beacon and Troy, New York, is a not-for-profit environmental research organization engaging scientists, engineers, educators and policy experts in collaborative work focusing on real-time monitoring of river ecosystems. It aims to make the Hudson Valley a global center for scientific and technological innovation that advances research, education and public policy regarding rivers and estuaries. www.bire.org

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