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THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER RECEIVES MAJOR COMMITMENT FROM RICHARD KING MELLON FOUNDATION

PITTSBURGH, PA – The African American Cultural Center of Greater Pittsburgh received notification this week of a \$2 million commitment to support its capital campaign from the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

“The support of the Richard King Mellon Foundation is of great significance to this project, and we thank them for their generosity,” stated Neil A. Barclay, President and CEO of the African American Cultural Center. “They have a tremendous history of commitment to the economic development and quality of life this region, and we are honored to have their support for this project.

The monies from the Richard King Mellon Foundation -- the commitment of which is conditional upon the AACC securing the remaining financial commitments and land acquisitions -- will be used towards the efforts to create a new African American Cultural Center facility. Scheduled to open in 2007, it will make a stunning addition to Pittsburgh’s Cultural District, and a strong contribution to the financial and cultural regeneration of the city.

More than a museum, the new African American Cultural Center will be reflective of all aspects of African American culture. The new AACC will include galleries, classrooms, a 400+ seat theater, a gift shop, a café, and many multi-purpose spaces to be used for visual and performing art and community-based meetings and events.

The African American Cultural Center, a not-for-profit organization, presents exhibitions, performances, education and public programs that deepen understanding and appreciation of the African American artistic, cultural and social contributions to Pittsburgh, the nation and the world.

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