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Dear Stakeholder,

The University of Kentucky is committed to keeping our community well informed as we move through the formal process of selecting a firm for the update of our UK Master Plan. As you may have seen in the newspaper, we have selected Sasaki Associates Inc.

As stated in previous meetings with community members, the selected firm will be assisting the University in conversations with our Lexington community. We look forward to meeting with city officials, neighborhood representatives, businesses, organizations and faith based groups informing each on the update of the UK Master Plan, our Student Housing Schedule and seeking your input as we move forward.

In our efforts to be inclusive, you have been identified to be a part of forums UK will host over the next few months. The presentation does not mean all plans are final so please consider it the beginning to our conversations with you. Just know we will be listening very closely to you and will take very seriously your comments and concerns. We are seeking your input to help shape what we will be doing during the planning phases.

During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to hear about the role of Sasaki Associates, the scope of the master plan, time lines of the master planning process and discuss our communication plan. Most importantly this will be a time for you to ask questions and provide feedback on what we present. Many community groups impacted by our planning and building efforts will have different issues and we want to be proactive. It is our hope to get input from you on what is important; therefore, as the issues are identified we can seek solutions as we move forward. Before you attend our forum we thought we would provide you with a brief summary on Sasaki Associates Inc. to better inform you of who we will be working with for the next several months.

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Sasaki is a Boston, MA planning firm that specializes in campus master planning that has extensive experience in the higher education sector, both nationally and internationally. This broad range of experience provides the firm with an understanding of the issues faced by institutions today, as well as firsthand knowledge of successful solutions that have been implemented throughout the country and abroad. Their focus on master planning has led them to develop a high degree of expertise in areas that support comprehensive planning outcomes including architecture, space programming, landscape architecture, mobility planning, civil engineering, neighborhood relations and financial strategies.

Sasaki is associated with a Lexington firm, Ross Tarrant Architects, an architectural firm specializing in the education sector. RTA's knowledge of and work experience with the University of Kentucky complements Sasaki's national expertise in campus planning.

The University will have a comprehensive approach to the update of the UK Master Plan and our Student Housing Schedule. It is our goal to make these meetings informative, allowing input and involvement from all constituencies.

Should you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us before the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Harris".

Tom Harris
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