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Pictured: Image of a woman looking at Bentley Systems website branding

# The Highland Group is Building a new Office for Bentley Systems in Huntsville, AL

December 7, 2022 (Huntsville, AL) — The Highland Group, a leading real estate development and commercial construction firm, has been contracted by <a href="Bentley Systems">Bentley Systems</a>, an infrastructure base software developer, to build their firm a new state-of-the-art office facility in <a href="Cummings">Cummings</a> <a href="Research Park">Research Park</a> (CRP) in Huntsville, Alabama. The building has been leased to Bentley through <a href="Colliers International">Colliers International</a>, a leading investment management and real estate company.

Bentley's office facility in Cummings Research Park will place the firm in an extremely collaborative space surrounded by over 300 other employers and companies located in a city that is commonly regarded as the "Silicon Valley of the South". CRP is a tech and community hub in the heart of "The Rocket City" that consistently houses research companies pioneering the future through the creation of cutting-edge systems, software, studies and other innovative technologies. Aside from being a business center in Huntsville, the park contains a variety of housing, and recreational opportunities for its tenants making it a premier place to locate and expand.

"At Highland, we pride ourselves in being forward-thinking in our efforts, selection of clients, and the impact any kind of collaborative projects will have in their respective fields," said Highland's Vice President of North Alabama, Michael Barnes. "When we partnered with Bentley Systems we understood their work required a space that could better assist them in their

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software development, as well as one that could support their future growth in Huntsville. I'm excited to see what Bentley Systems will do in Huntsville and equally excited to continue this relationship with them going forward," added Barnes.

Construction on this new state-of-the-art office space for Bentley Systems is estimated to be completed in early 2023. The Highland Group's Huntsville team is currently at work on several other extensive construction projects and developments across North Alabama. The firm is excited to continue developing industry-leading projects for tech companies and break-through businesses alike that are looking to relocate to "Alabama's Silicon Valley" as Huntsville continues to see record breaking growth.

## **Bentley Systems:**

Bentley Systems Inc., is an American-based software development company that develops, manufactures, licenses, sells, and supports infrastructure <u>software and services</u>. Founded in 1984 in Exton, PA by Keith A. Bentley and Barry J. Bentley, for over 37 years, Bentley has served the engineers and other professionals responsible for designing, constructing, and operating sustainable infrastructure systems across the globe. These systems are used in the maintenance of roadways, transit systems, rail networks, water treatment plants, wastewater processing, municipal utilities, construction works, and industrial facilities.

Some of their premier software products offered to their clients include MicroStation-based applications for modeling and simulation, ProjectWise for project delivery, AssetWise for asset and network performance, and the iTwin platform for infrastructure digital twins. Bentley Systems employs more than 4,000 colleagues and generates annual revenues of more than \$1 billion in 186 countries. With Bentley's broad range of software services, strong global presence, and emphasis on its commitment to its neighboring communities, Bentley prides itself on being an engaged world-class organization.

### **Colliers International:**

Colliers International is a leading Canada-based diversified professional services and investment management company. They provide expert real estate and investment advice to their clients in both the residential and commercial property sectors. Colliers was founded in Australia in 1976 and has since grown exponentially as an industry-leading leasing entity in those 46 years. Currently, Colliers operates in more than 400 offices, is based in 63 countries, employs over 18,000 professionals, holds \$92 Billion in assets, manages 2 billion square feet in properties, and earns an annual revenue of \$4.6 billion each year. The firm provides several services to Commercial real estate tenants, owners, investors, and developers; those services include consulting, corporate facilities, investment services, landlord-tenant representation, project management, urban planning, property management, asset management, as well as some additional advisory services.

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Some of the advisory services Colliers provides range from <a href="market research">market research & insights</a> studies, expert-led webinars & podcasts, research-led news articles, professional blog posts, and investment consultations. Colliers also provides its clients with a platform to discuss their success stories in their respective industries and locations with an emphasis on the property management opportunity afforded to them by Colliers. Through their collaborative services in providing expert real estate and investment advice; Colliers consistently maximizes the potential of their clients more than any other global real estate firm.

## About Cummings Research Park (CRP):

Cummings Research Park is the second largest research park in the country and the fourth largest in the world. It is one of the world's leading science and technology business parks, with a mixture of Fortune 500 companies, local and international high-tech enterprises, U.S. space & defense agencies, thriving business incubators, and competitive higher-education institutions. Cummings Research Park is also home to several apartment complexes as well as The University of Alabama in Huntsville's expansive 500+ acre campus which is a critical talent and research pipeline for CRP companies. In addition, Calhoun Community College's Huntsville campus is in Cummings Research Park and is the only two-year college campus in the nation to be located in a major research park. The park also contains a multitude of shopping, dining, and recreational opportunities for its inhabitants.

## **About The Highland Group:**

The Highland Group is a real estate development and commercial construction firm that specializes in real estate development, preconstruction services, general contracting, construction management, and design-build delivery. Their mission is to develop leaders committed to higher standards who have an impact on their firm and the communities in which they work and live by developing trusting relationships and building quality projects. The Highland Group has offices located in the Gulf Coast Region (501 South McKenzie Street, Suite 2, Foley, Alabama, 36535), the Tennessee Valley Region (415-H Church Street NW, Suite 201, Huntsville, Alabama, 35801), and the Florida Panhandle Region (130 Richard Jackson Blvd., Suite 104A, Panama City Beach, Florida, 32407). They have been proudly serving clients throughout the Southeastern United States since 2005. Learn more at <a href="https://www.HighlandGroup.org">www.HighlandGroup.org</a>