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**Svigals + Partners' Principal Bob Skolozdra, AIA, LEED AP, selected to present at
Laboratories for the 21st Century (Labs21®) Annual Conference**

NEW HAVEN, CT -- A thought-leader in laboratory design, Bob Skolozdra, AIA, LEED AP, and principal at Svigals + Partners, has been selected to present, "From the Technical to the Human Touch: Designing Modern, Sustainable Laboratories in Challenging Environments" at the Labs21® Annual Conference taking place September 22-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Over the past 15 years, Skolozdra has managed more than 200 laboratory renovations at the Yale University School of Medicine for Svigals + Partners. Under his direction, the firm's innovative renovation of a 17,000-square-foot wing at Yale's Sterling Hall of Medicine earned a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating for commercial interiors, becoming the first LEED-CI rated laboratory renovation in the country.

With more than 20 years of professional experience to his credit, Skolozdra is committed to balancing inspirational elements with functional requirements to satisfy the needs of human comfort and environmental responsibility. Some of his projects include the Center for Information Technology at Norwalk Community College, the Carroll School of Management at Boston College and research laboratories for Kodak/SIS, BIOS and CuraGen.

Skolozdra's presentation will examine the 15-year progression, as well as challenges faced, in the adaptive reuse of pre-World War II buildings at Yale University into state-of-the-art, sustainable laboratories. The discussion will focus on a holistic planning approach and design solutions employed – in both technical and human contexts – in maintaining a building's historic character while renovating and enlivening high-tech environments.

Each year, Laboratories for the 21st Century (Labs21®) Annual Conference highlights recent advancements in laboratory efficiency and performance, providing the laboratory and high-performance facility community with a unique forum for information exchange and education. This year's keynote speakers include [John C. Lechleiter, Ph.D.](#), Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Eli Lilly and Company and Dr. Steven Chu, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy.

Labs21® is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I²SL). The event is the largest gathering of sustainable laboratory professionals in the nation.

**About Svigals + Partners**

Based in New Haven, Connecticut, the full-service architecture and planning firm Svigals + Partners has specialized in the design and construction of laboratories and educational facilities since its inception in 1983. Known for its original and imaginative integration of planning, design, sculpture and artwork, the firm is committed to “bringing the beauty, relevance and distinction of figurative art into the architecture of the 21st century.” Svigals + Partners serves clients throughout the United States, offering a complete range of architectural services from master planning, site selection and feasibility studies through design and construction. In the firm’s portfolio are laboratories, major K-8 educational projects as well as 20 years of new and renovated university buildings. Other areas of specialization include corporate facilities and master planning. For more information, visit www.svigals.com.

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