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Construction Begins on New EMC Insurance Companies Building

DES MOINES, Iowa (Feb. 16, 2015) – EMC Insurance Companies is beginning construction on a new four-story office building at 219 Eighth Street located on the northwest corner of the block bordered by Seventh and Eighth Streets and Walnut and Mulberry Streets.

The new building will complement the designs of the EMC buildings at 717 Mulberry and 700 Walnut. The plans include below-grade parking, space for tenants on the ground level facing Walnut Street, and additional space for essential electrical, mechanical and printing equipment. The second, third and fourth floors will accommodate offices, conference rooms, computer equipment, a wellness facility and a new skywalk concourse across Eighth Street.

SEE ATTACHED RENDERINGS OF THE EXTERIOR (1 & 2)

AND THE INTERIOR SKYWALK LEVEL (3 & 4)

“EMC is pleased to expand and modernize its home office,” explains Bruce Kelley, president and chief executive officer of EMC. “The company has been headquartered in downtown Des Moines since the company was founded 104 years ago, and downtown continues to be the optimum location for us.”

The EMC campus in downtown Des Moines currently includes the EMC home office building at 717 Mulberry, the 700 Walnut high-rise tower, the Hub Tower at Seventh and Walnut, the Kaleidoscope at the Hub, a parking garage and several surface parking lots.

Brooks Borg Skiles Architecture Engineering in Des Moines was selected to design the new facility; Neumann Brothers was selected as the general construction contractor. The construction is in its early stages and is expected to be completed in early 2017.

About EMC Insurance Companies

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with assets over \$4 billion and more than 2,100 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies are licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit www.emcins.com and www.CountonEMC.com.

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219 EIGHTH STREET EXTERIOR 1



219 EIGHTH STREET EXTERIOR 2



INTERIOR SKYWALK LEVEL VIEW FROM THE EAST LOOKING WEST



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