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LERA Designs New Lab at Columbia Used in COVID-19 Research

NEW YORK May 5, 2020 — LERA Consulting Structural Engineers (LERA) provided structural engineering services for the renovation of The Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center (ADARC) at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City which opened recently. The lab, under David D. Ho, MD, ADARC's founding scientific director and chief executive officer is now leading research into the COVID-19 coronavirus and the pursuit of a therapy or vaccine.

Working with architect Lord Aeck Sargent, the project involved adding a new architecturally exposed stair which connected two floors; reinforcement of existing equipment, adding new roof dunnage to accommodate new MEP equipment; providing supports for new IT/AV equipment and utility spaces, and a new walk-able architectural ceiling in the lobby areas.

About LERA

LERA Consulting Structural Engineers (LERA) is an M/WBE structural engineering firm providing services to architects, owners, contractors, and developers. Since their founding in 1923, they have designed numerous landmark projects across the world, and established a strong reputation for design and technical excellence. LERA's services include complete structural designs, feasibility studies, peer reviews, value engineering, blast analysis and design, forensic consulting, and special inspections. Headquartered in New York City, LERA also operates offices in Mumbai, Shanghai, and Hong Kong and has completed projects in over 50 countries.

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