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**The Keith Corporation Receives Creative Thinkers Award for Development of Becton Dickinson East Coast Distribution Center in Johnston County, NC**

Charlotte, NC (February 14, 2011) – Charlotte based commercial real estate developer, The Keith Corporation, received the Creative Thinkers Award from The Carolinas Chapter of the Counselors of Real Estate at their third annual Creative Thinkers Award Ceremony on Wednesday, Feb 9, 2011. The award was received for The Keith Corporation’s forward thinking and ingenuity in the site selection and development of a 720,000 square foot distribution center for (BD) Becton Dickinson & Company, a Fortune 500 global medical technology company that develops, manufactures and sells medical devices, instrument systems and reagents.

BD is the first tenant in the newly developed Four Oaks Business Park, a 307-acre park, north of I-40, in Johnston County, located between I-95 and US Highway 96. The project is registered with the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) and will seek LEED Gold certification upon completion, scheduled for June 2011.

TKC will own the facility under a long-term lease with BD. The facility located on a 130-acre site is designed to accommodate future expansion to 1.1 million square feet. The Park is a public/private venture with the Town of Four Oaks, Johnston County, Johnston County Economic Development Corp., and The Keith Corporation. Ken Beuley, Director of Development at The Keith Corporation, comments “we are extremely pleased with our recent relationship with BD and are grateful to our outstanding vendors and team members who helped us make this possible.”

The Keith Corporation is a full service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, specializing in build-to-suit/development of business parks, industrial, retail, healthcare and office buildings as well as management services, tenant representation, general brokerage, and real estate investments. Since its founding in 1989, TKC has developed more than 150 projects valued at over \$1 billion throughout the United States and in the United Kingdom.

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