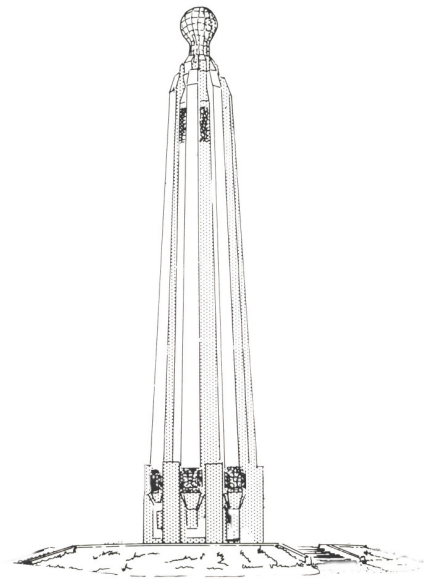


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TOWER RESTORATION GETS UNDERWAY

EDISON, N.J.: The next phase of the restoration of the Edison Memorial Tower is underway. Following the Edison Memorial Tower Corporation's 2007-2008 investigations of the Tower's physical condition, the State of New Jersey has retained a team of consultants to conduct the final investigations, prepare the construction documents and a final cost estimate, and oversee the physical restoration.

The work at the site will get underway the week of August 31, 2009, when the team will be utilizing scaffolding and a 120' lift truck to access the upper areas of the Tower. As the design and permitting process will take approximately eight months, it is anticipated that the project will be ready to go out to bid to contractors in the spring of 2010.

"The Township of Edison is excited that the restoration is underway. The Edison Memorial Tower is an extremely important landmark because it represents the genius of Thomas Alva Edison and it is a symbol of our community," said Edison Mayor Jun Choi.

The consulting team for the restoration work will be led by Michael J. Mills, FAIA, and Anne E. Weber, FAIA, of Farewell Mills Gatsch Architects, LLC, an award-winning Princeton-based architectural firm, recognized nationally for their work in architectural design and historic preservation. Other consulting team members include Chicago-based Wiss Janney Elstner, a structural engineering firm; the Northbrook, Illinois-based The Armbruster Co, Inc., that specializes in historic concrete structures; and the New York-based historic conservation firm of Jablonski Building Conservation.

The Tower is part of the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park, located at 37 Christie Street within the Edison State Park. The site, owned by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, is administered by the Township of Edison in partnership with the non-profit Edison Memorial Tower Corporation (EMTC). Built in 1937-1938, the Tower suffers from crumbling concrete and was named by Preservation New Jersey as one of New Jersey's Ten Most Endangered historic resources.

Since 2006, over \$3 million has been raised towards the Tower restoration and a new museum at the site, including an investment of \$1.8 million in capital funding from the State by Governor Corzine in September 2006; a \$375,000 Open Space Trust Fund grant awarded in

August 2008 by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a \$379,000 grant from the United States Mint; and over \$400,000 in private donations from foundations, businesses and individuals.

According to EMTC President Nancy L. Zerbe, “the EMTC appreciates the support from the State, Middlesex County, and Township of Edison, as well as the very strong public support for this project.”

For more information, contact the EMTC at 732-494-4194.