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A new feature on the home page: Medtronics World Headquarters near Minneapolis designed by HGA. The half-million-square-foot campus has every technology required for a global leader in medical research and development. What sets it apart are the non-technical elements that make it a light-filled complex set in a very well planned - and beautiful - prairie setting. Click on the "Home" link above to see this and other feature articles. Kristen Richards, Editor-in-Chief

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