



## TOP GRADE CONSTRUCTION HONORED FOR INNOVATION AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

### *General Engineering Contractor Recognized By Livermore Chamber of Commerce for Exceptional Building and Innovation*

**LIVERMORE, Calif. – March 2, 2009** – Top Grade Construction, Inc., a premier general engineering contractor, today announced it has been recognized by the Livermore Chamber of Commerce as an “Exceptional Builder and Innovator” in Northern California’s Tri-Valley. Each year, the Livermore Chamber of Commerce honors extraordinary individuals and companies who have made an impact on Livermore and the Tri-Valley community.

“It was our honor to recognize Top Grade Construction and their Chief Operating Officer, Brian Gates, for their innovation and commitment in the local business community,” noted Dale Kaye, Livermore Chamber President and CEO. “They truly represent the entrepreneurial and community spirit we are emphasizing in Livermore and the Tri-Valley as a whole.”

Top Grade was officially honored on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Chamber’s 83<sup>rd</sup> Board Installation and Awards Gala at the Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore, California. The event included the installation of the Chamber’s new Board of Directors, as well as an invocation by Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, a member of the Chamber Board.

“We are proud to be recognized for our creativity and dedication in the local community,” said Brian Gates, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Top Grade. “Since our inception, Top Grade has taken a unique approach to the construction business. We recognize that the long-term health and success of our company stems from forward-thinking business practices, including our ongoing commitment to social responsibility.”

Gates was presented with a certificate of recognition by California Assembly member Joan Buchanan as well as a special commendation from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors presented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

**About Top Grade Construction**

Top Grade Construction, Inc., [www.topgradeconstruction.com](http://www.topgradeconstruction.com), is a premier, California-based general engineering contractor with more than 500 employees servicing projects spanning from Riverside to Sacramento. Founded in 1990 and headquartered in Livermore, Calif., the company specializes in heavy highway and civil engineering construction services, including general site preparation, earth moving, excavation, grading and paving. Top Grade's clients include many of the major commercial builders, various developers as well as virtually all of the local city, county, state and federal contracting agencies. TGC has earned its stellar reputation within the construction industry through its commitment to providing superior customer service, competitive pricing, quality workmanship, state-of-the-art equipment and highly skilled, professional employees on every project.

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