



TOP GRADE CONSTRUCTION RANKED 28TH FASTEST GROWING COMPANY IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Premier General Engineering Contractor Earns Spot on San Francisco Business Times "Fast 100" Award List, Cited as 3rd Largest Bay Area Company Honored

LIVERMORE, Calif. – November 5, 2008 – Top Grade Construction, Inc., a premier general engineering contractor, today announced it earned a position on the *San Francisco Business Times*' annual "100 Fastest Growing Private Companies" (FAST 100) list for 2008, marking the first time the company has been honored on this list. Top Grade ranked 28 out of 100 organizations from various industries, further demonstrating the company's growing market presence and leadership in the Bay Area business community. The award presentation and dinner took place on Thursday, October 23rd at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in the San Francisco Bay Area," said Brian Gates, COO at Top Grade. "Top Grade's growth validates its commitment to providing superior service while creatively partnering with customers to positively impact their business."

To qualify for the award, companies must be privately held, headquartered in Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Marin, San Mateo and San Francisco counties, have been in business for at least three years, and have produced at least \$200,000 in revenue since 2005. This year's award is based on the percentage of net revenue growth from fiscal year 2005 through fiscal year 2007.

"It is always impressive to see a company with revenues as large as Top Grade Construction not only make the list-but rank high," states Mary Huss, Publisher of the *San Francisco Business Times*. "The bigger a company gets, the more difficult it is to keep up the growth percentage that is required to stay on this list."

"Top Grade continues to differentiate itself by attracting and retaining the industry's top talent," said Gates. "Collectively, we have been able to establish and solidify our position as the premier California-based general engineering contractor."

The full list was published in the October 24th edition of the *San Francisco Business Times* and will also be published in the *San Francisco Business Times* 2009 “Book of Lists.”

About Top Grade Construction

Top Grade Construction, Inc., 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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