



TOP GRADE CONSTRUCTION STRENGTHENS LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC WORKS MARKET WITH BENICIA-MARTINEZ BRIDGE PROJECT

Premier General Engineering Contractor Partners with American Civil Constructors (ACC-West Coast) to Complete Major CALTRANS Bridge Rehabilitation Project

LIVERMORE, Calif., -- July 09, 2008 - Top Grade Construction, Inc., a premier general engineering contractor, today announced the company's continued success in its public works business unit with the highly visible Benicia-Martinez Bridge rehabilitation project, marking the largest CALTRANS job Top Grade has embarked upon since its inception nearly 20 years ago. The joint venture with American Civil Constructors-West Coast (ACC), a leading construction company specializing in road rehabilitation and bridge construction and repair, is aimed at easing traffic congestion for motorists on the existing southbound Interstate I-680 as well as increasing pedestrian and cyclist safety between Benicia and Martinez.

"The bridge renovation is an important project as it marks the final step in completing the expansion to the critical regional link provided by the Benicia-Martinez bridges," said Tony Anziano, Toll Bridge Program Manager with CALTRANS. "A reduction in corridor traffic congestion and a new regional trans-bay bicycle and pedestrian facility are just two of the significant benefits that will result from the completion of this project."

Launched earlier this year and projected for completion by mid-2009, the bridge rehabilitation will be conducted in two phases with Top Grade managing all aspects of the grading and paving and ACC handling all structural improvements to the bridge. In addition to acting as the managing partner responsible for the administration, execution and successful completion of the contract, Top Grade's scope of work includes the re-alignment of both the I-680 and I-780 southbound approaches on the Benicia side as well as improvements to the southbound Marina Vista exit on the Martinez side of the bridge. Both Top Grade and ACC are confronted with significant traffic flow and complex structure upgrades to the bridge during the duration of the project, making the bridge rehabilitation a unique and challenging job for their combined team of skilled workers.

"Not only is this joint rehabilitation the first major bridge project for Top Grade, but the Benicia-Martinez Bridge job is by far our largest and most impressive CALTRANS job to date," said Brian Gates, COO at Top Grade Construction. "Securing this project in conjunction with ACC further solidifies our position as a major general engineering contractor in the public works marketplace -- helping to diversify our revenue as we continue to expand from our mainstay of private works business. By building a well thought out schedule of work, coupled with the staffing of top talent needed to execute on time and on budget, Top Grade will indeed be positioned for success on this project."

In addition to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge project, Top Grade continues to expand its public works portfolio with the newly awarded I-580/Fallon Road Interchange project in Dublin, as well as two major San Jose street rehabilitation projects. These project wins, as well as several other jobs that Top Grade continues to secure in the public works market, are helping the company continue to leverage the increased funding that the state of California is contributing towards its public roadways.

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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