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KBE FORMS SECOND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE AND FEDERAL OSHA AGENCIES

-Agreement validates company's commitment to safety excellence-

FARMINGTON, Conn., May 2010 – KBE Building Corporation (KBE) one of the nation's leading firms providing preconstruction, construction management, design-build and general contracting services, has entered into a strategic partnership with the State of Connecticut Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (ConnOSHA) and the federal OSHA Bridgeport Area Office (BAO). The partnership, which establishes a formal cooperative effort between the organizations, is designed to encourage companies like KBE to continue improving their safety and health performances voluntarily. KBE will also receive training and guidance from ConnOSHA and the BAO.

The OSHA Strategic Partnership Program (OSPP) moves away from traditional enforcement methods and embraces collaborative agreements. The partnership program has proven to be an effective tool for reducing fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in the workplace KBE formed a similar partnership with OSHA and ConnOSHA in 2008 for a project in Shelton, Connecticut.

"KBE performed well from a safety standpoint in our previous OSPP agreement and based on this we saw them as a really good candidate for a second," said Robert W. Kowalski, BAO director. "KBE has demonstrated a commitment to safety excellence and that is what we look for in a safety partner. We need organizations that can help promote safety throughout a given industry. As a construction manager, KBE has a great opportunity to improve the safety climate in the construction industry, particularly amongst its subcontractors."

The partnering agreement pertains specifically to KBE's work on the Whitney Center Renaissance Project in Hamden, Connecticut. The Whitney Center is a 30-year-old Continuing Care Retirement Community currently offering 204 Residential units and 59 Skilled Nursing beds. This comprehensive expansion of the existing community will further enhance the high quality of life that residents already enjoy. KBE is providing Construction Manager at Risk services.

"This partnership is a tribute to the hard work and commitment to safety we put into each of our projects and have embedded into sound safety processes and a total safety culture," said Michael P. Capazzi, KBE safety director. "This partnership is a validation of all of the hard work, training and absolute commitment to safety first that has become a part of the KBE work culture. We are proud to take on the challenge of providing further training to others within our industry."

Under the OSPP, OSHA, Conn-OSHA and KBE will develop and deliver safety and health-related education programs and courses to other building industry firms and trade contractors. KBE's own staff will also benefit from the enhanced training programs, which will further strengthen the firm's already stringent safety protocols. The program also has communication components that call for the dissemination of health and safety related information at events, conferences and on the alliance partners' Web sites.

Some of the benefits from participating in an OSHA partnership include special recognition from OSHA and priority in compliance assistance programs.



Photo from L to R: Robert Kowalski, Director OSHA Bridgeport Area Office, Mike Capazzi, KBE Building Corporation Safety Director, Eric Brown, KBE Building Corporation Senior Vice President of Operation, and Tony Maselli KBE Building Corporation Project Executive, sign the Partnership agreement between the firm and the state and federal agencies.

About OSHA

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

About Conn-OSHA

The Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health is referred to as CONN-OSHA. CONN-OSHA administers Connecticut's Public Employer Only State Plan and enforces occupational safety and health standards as they apply to all municipal and state employees. As a State Plan state, CONN-OSHA adopts and enforces standards that are at least as effective as the federal requirements.

About KBE Building Corporation

Regionally located in Farmington, Connecticut and Columbia, Maryland, KBE Building Corporation) is a \$300 million full-service, single-source commercial construction company strategically positioned to serve the Eastern and Mid-Atlantic U.S. Founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1966, the firm provides preconstruction, construction management, design-build, and general contracting services to clients in the corporate, educational, seniors, hospitality, health care, institutional, and retail markets. Engineering News-Record magazine ranks KBE Building Corporation among the nation's top 400 construction companies Visit the company's Web site at www.kbebuilding.com.