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TOP GRADE CONSTRUCTION EMBARKS ON CALIFORNIA'S FIRST RECOVERY ACT FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Newly Awarded \$13.5 Million Caltrans Project Makes History; To Provide Jobs for More Than 200 People Over the Next Year.

LIVERMORE, Calif., -- May 5, 2009 - Top Grade Construction, Inc., a premier general engineering contractor, today announced it has officially started work on the highly visible Interstate 80 project, the first to be funded in the state of California by the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The historic project, which was awarded to Top Grade on April 21, 2009 after successfully outbidding 12 other contractors, is expected to generate approximately 40,000 man-hours requiring more than 200 workers to be employed.

At a press conference held on April 30, California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, discussed the significance of the project, specifically illustrating how quickly and effectively California is pumping Recovery Act funding into its economy to create jobs for state residents while also investing in the state's transportation infrastructure.

For more information on the Governor's press conference, please visit the following website at <http://www.gov.ca.gov/index.php?/press-release/12167/>.

Targeted for completion by the end of 2009, the project includes the rehabilitation and resurfacing of Interstate 80 between Route 12 and the Putah South Canal, a roadway traveled by nearly 200,000 motorists each day. Approximately 140,000 tons of asphalt concrete is expected to be placed to resurface the freeway area, covering more than 3.6 million square feet over a five mile stretch of highway.

"We are excited that over 200 construction workers will be employed by this project, and Top Grade and its many subcontractors and suppliers will help make this happen," said Will Kempton, Caltrans Director. "As Caltrans continues to work with the federal government to ensure Recovery Act dollars are infused into the state's economy to create even more jobs, we look forward to partnering with Top Grade and California's great construction industry to put people back to work."

"I am extremely proud with our highly experienced estimating staff and the successful low bid they comprised in what has been the most challenging competitive environment our industry has seen in decades," stated Brian Gates, Top Grade Construction's Chief Operating Officer. "As for the execution of this very important project, we couldn't be more excited with the opportunity it provides not only to the Top Grade workforce, but the 20 other companies that will be involved in helping make this job a major success."

In addition to the Interstate 80 project, Top Grade continues to expand its public works portfolio with the newly awarded I-680/Project in Fremont, as well as continued work on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge project. These projects, 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.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is an economic stimulus package signed into law by President Barack Obama in February of 2009. For more information on the ARRA, visit <http://www.recovery.gov/>

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. Top Grade was recognized by the San Francisco Business Times as the 9th fastest growing company in the East Bay and 28th fastest growing in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2008. In addition, the company was awarded the historic I-80 rehabilitation project on April 21, 2009.

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