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Balfour Beatty Construction and Walton Construction awarded Fort Riley Replacement Hospital

(Dallas, TX – May 5, 2009) The Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, selected the joint venture team of Balfour Beatty Construction and Walton Construction to provide preconstruction services for the replacement hospital at Fort Riley, Kansas, with an option for construction services anticipated to be awarded in September 2009. The \$334 million new facility will replace the existing 50-year-old Irwin Army Community Hospital and help provide state-of-the-art healthcare for the Army base.

The project includes a 263,000-square-foot hospital, a 289,000-square-foot clinic, a central energy plant, an ambulance garage, and supporting facilities. This fast-track project is scheduled to begin construction in Fall 2009 and complete by Spring 2012.

Designed by architects Leo A Daly and RLF, the project will be designed and built to LEED Silver specifications and will utilize Building Information Modeling (BIM). The project will follow the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) delivery method, which, like the Construction Manager At-Risk method in the private sector, requires close collaboration between the construction contractor, the design team, and the owner.

Said Leon Blondin, Executive Vice President at Balfour Beatty, “We’re looking forward to working with our joint venture partner, the design team, and the Corps of Engineers early in the design process, and we’re thrilled to have this opportunity to show our appreciation to our soldiers and their families.”

“I have long respected Balfour Beatty Construction,” said Dennis Thompson, President at Walton Construction, “and this hospital is a great opportunity for our two firms to work together—combining Balfour Beatty’s substantial healthcare resume with Walton’s strong relationships with Fort Riley and the Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District.”

About the Joint Venture Partners

The joint venture lead, Balfour Beatty Construction, has been a leader in the U.S. commercial construction industry for 76 years, providing general contracting, at-risk construction management, design-build, preconstruction, public-private, and turnkey services for clients nationwide. The firm has constructed more than \$5 billion in federal facilities and provided services for some of the nation’s most well-recognized healthcare centers, including National Institutes of Health, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center. The company employs 1,600 professionals and is part of London-based Balfour Beatty plc, a leading international engineering, construction, and investment business exceeding \$16 billion in annual revenues. For more information, visit www.balfourbeattyus.com.

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