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**Walton Construction Company Awarded Projects and Safety Commendation**

*Construction has begun on Custer Hill Barrack, East Hills Shopping Center and Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church*

**Kansas City, Mo.** (August 29, 2008) – The Kansas City Division of Walton Construction Company, LLC., was recently awarded the contracts to build Custer Hill Barrack #4 in Fort Riley, Kan., remodel of the East Hills Shopping Center in St. Joseph, Mo., and renovate Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Kansas City, Mo. Walton also was recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation for Excellent Safety Record by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC).

Walton was recently awarded the contract to build a unit operation barrack at Custer Hill. This \$12 million, 58,000 square-foot project is the third project awarded to Walton at Fort Riley, Kan. It is a three-story barrack building designed to house 156 soldiers.

The project team includes the owner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and architect, VOA.

East Hills Shopping Center is a 665,000-square-foot shopping center located at Belt Highway and Frederick Avenue in St. Joseph, Mo., which will remain open during the remodel. Construction is already underway on this \$43 million project. It is expected to be completed by February 2009.

The project team includes the owners, Belt Highway LP and HMH/ MD Management and architect, Hollis-Miller.

Walton also was recently awarded the contract to renovate Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Kansas City, Mo., as part of its capital improvements campaign. Construction began on this more than \$840,000 project in July and is scheduled for completion in October 2008.

The project team includes the owner, The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph and architect, Helix Architecture.

AGC recently recognized the Kansas City division of Walton Construction with a Certificate of Commendation for Excellent Safety Record for maintaining an incident rate 25 percent below the division's three-year national average.

*Walton Construction Company, LLC, which maintains full-service offices in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Mo., Dallas, Texas and New Orleans, La., is ranked among the top contractors in the United States by Engineering News Record. Established in 1985, Walton Construction has grown steadily to become a leader in pre-construction, general contracting, design-build and construction management services.*

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