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Franklin Hart & Reid and KZF Design Form Joint Venture

FHR/KZF Joint Venture operates from Kissimmee, Fla.

CINCINNATI, OH (October 2, 2008) – KZF Design and Franklin Hart & Reid have formed a joint venture, FHR/KZF, that is based in Kissimmee. The new joint venture brings to the Central Florida area a wealth of services in engineering, surveying, planning, design and architecture. FHR and KZF Design currently are working together on the Toho Water Authority offices in Kissimmee. The office structure, which will house more than 70 employees in its approximately 54,000 square feet, is being designed as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certified building.

Franklin Hart & Reid (FHR), Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, provides civil engineering and surveying services to Osceola County and the Central Florida area. The principals in the firm, based in Kissimmee, have more than 50 years combined experience in Osceola County. Tom Franklin, CEO, has extensive survey, land development and management experience. David A. Reid, P.E., president and director of engineering has more than 31 years of experience, including 23 years in Osceola County and Central Florida. FHR's recent projects include the 900-acre Stoneybrook South development (DRI) for Lennar Homes, the 600-acre Legacy Resort for Mainstreet Management and a 700,000-square-foot distribution center for Pepsi.

KZF Design LLC is an architecture and engineering firm established in Florida in July 2000. It has offices in Orlando and Tampa. KZF's team of architects, engineers, designers and planners provide a full range of services, led by Gregory L Rhoads, president, and Joe H. Morgan, RA, executive vice president. KZF's recent projects include the design of the Baldwin Park Neighborhood Business Center in Orlando; Rollins College's Lawrence Center; the corporate offices in Orlando for InCharge Institute of America; the medical offices of Dr. Nasir Alar in Orlando and the recent design-build project in partnership with HJ High Construction Company of Mitsubishi Power Systems America's new manufacturing facility in Orlando. KZF's clients also have included many public entities in Florida including the City of Kissimmee, Volusia County, Brevard County Parks & Recreation and the University of Central Florida.

KZF Design LLC is affiliated with KZF Design, Inc., a national full-service architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firm, now in its sixth decade. The firm's corporate headquarters are located in Cincinnati, Ohio; KZF also has offices in Atlanta, Ga. KZF's award-winning designs and technical expertise have created cultural landmarks, education centers, offices and workplaces, transportation structures, as well as numerous government, military and industrial facilities.

FHR/KZF Joint Venture will be participating Oct. 4-7 at the 54th annual Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) Convention and Exhibition, being held together with the PCI National Bridge Conference in Orlando.

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