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***Construction Education Center, Inc. Approved as Private
Occupational School by CT Commissioner of Higher Education
-- Nonprofit Training Organization Developed by
Associated Builders & Contractors of Connecticut, Inc.--***

ROCKY HILL, CONN., (January 23, 2007) – The Connecticut construction industry has a new resource for apprentice training, safety training and other construction professional development courses: Construction Education Center, Inc. (The Center).

Launched by Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut, Inc. (CT ABC), The Center’s core mission is to provide quality training and education programs in order to advance careers and long-term opportunities in response to construction industry needs and to enhance the quality, safety and competitiveness of constructors within and outside the state.

On January 11, 2007, the Connecticut Commissioner of Higher Education approved The Center to operate a private occupational school in the State of Connecticut. This distinction signifies that The Center is authorized to offer postsecondary training programs in Connecticut. The Connecticut Department of Higher Education regulates and oversees private occupational schools licensed in Connecticut.

All courses provided by The Center are taught by qualified trades people, professionals and/or professors of construction management programs. In addition to apprenticeship in the HVAC, Sheet Metal and Carpentry trades and safety courses, The Center will provide professional development courses including Plan Reading, Site Layout, Site Estimating, Supervisory Training and Planning and Scheduling. The Center also is an approved provider of Continuing Education Unit courses (CEUs) by the State of Connecticut for Licensed Plumbers and Electricians.

“The Center is a resource for contractors and their employees to continue to meet the ever-challenging demands of running a profitable and professional construction company,” said Patricia Torres-Lewis, The Center’s Education Director. “CT ABC’s

involvement in developing this organization is just one more way the trade association has proactively helped the industry tackle crucial issues,” said Lelah Campo, President of CT ABC.

“It is very rewarding to see The Center launched in Connecticut,” said Paul Gray, Chairman of The Center’s Board of Directors, and Senior Vice President at EMCOR Services/New England Mechanical in Vernon, Conn. “We have been very deliberate in how we organized The Center, being sure to address today’s pressing needs as well as to keep an eye on the future.”

The Construction Education Center provides quality educational training to all qualified apprentices, journey persons, field supervisors and managers of construction companies.

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Construction Education Center, Inc. is a nonprofit training organization located in Rocky Hill, Connecticut. For more information about Construction Education Center, Inc. and the courses and programs provided, please contact the Education Director, Patricia Torres-Lewis at training@ctabc.org or at (800) 358-8825.