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WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM
Work Begins with Site Preparation and Protection of Twin Towers’ Original Box Beam Columns
Foundation Selects Bovis Lend Lease LMB as Construction Manager

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, in cooperation with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) today announced that construction will begin on the Memorial and Museum at Ground Zero and announced that it has selected Bovis Lend Lease LMB as Construction Manager for the project. Construction today begins with site preparation.

The initial site preparation work will take approximately 4-8 weeks and include debris removal, engineering and surveying work, delivery of construction materials, as well as protection of the box beam columns of the original Twin Towers. Bovis Lend Lease will begin reviewing construction drawings, previously calculated estimates and provide an assessment of final costs for the project, as well as manage the early action construction work.

“This marks the true beginning,” Foundation President & CEO Gretchen Dykstra said. “After September 11th, many people around the world built temporary memorials and now it is time to build a permanent memorial to pay tribute to those who died and to bring understanding to future generations.

“Because the Memorial and Museum are so important to our nation and the world, their construction demands the highest standards of excellence. We are confident that Bovis Lend Lease will make sure that the Memorial and Museum are built safely, on-time, and within budget. Bovis recognizes the honor, purpose and passion which are required to complete this project.”

“We appreciate the historic aspects of the project and will ensure that our work at the site will abide by the historic preservation process,” Ms. Dykstra said.

“Preserving elements that are authentic to the World Trade Center will be the first step in construction,” said Foundation Executive Vice President for Construction William Goldstein. “Bovis demonstrated a deep commitment to the rebuilding efforts with their response in the aftermath of the attacks. Now, we look forward to their help in completing the Memorial and Museum. We will work with the LMDC and Bovis to ensure that the transition from design to construction is a seamless one.”

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Bovis assembled an impressive management team for the project, many of whom assisted with the clean up of the World Trade Center site following the September 11th attacks. Bovis’ marquee projects include the Time Warner Center and the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Grand Central Terminal restoration projects. Bovis also has a long history in advocating for and managing minority and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBE) programs.

“Today, Bovis is humbled, and privileged, to have been chosen by the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation to build the World Trade Center Memorial which will stand as a permanent tribute to all those who lost their lives at ‘Ground Zero’ on September 11, 2001,” said Peter A. Marchetto, Chief Executive Officer, Bovis Lend Lease.

Bovis will provide services in two phases. The first phase will include pre-construction services and management of early action construction work. The second phase will begin upon the Foundation accepting a guaranteed maximum price proposal from Bovis for the main construction of the project.

The Foundation has been working in close cooperation with the LMDC and various architectural, engineering and other design professionals in developing the construction documents.

“After more than four years of public consultation, design and review, we are very pleased to join the Foundation in initiating construction of the memorial,” said LMDC President Stefan Pryor. “When we dedicate this Memorial in September of 2009, we will have created a magnificent memorial to honor those we lost and to send a message of hope to the world.”

The Foundation has a commitment for the meaningful participation of minority and women-owned subcontractors (M/WBE) as well as a diverse workforce throughout the life of the construction project. Bovis has a long history of advocating for M/WBE business development and has effectively managed M/WBE Programs that have afforded scores of contracting opportunities to qualified M/WBE firms across the country. Bovis’ specific examples in exceeding M/WBE goals in large scale projects include the Bronx Criminal Court Complex, where M/WBE equaled 59%. The Foundation will require Bovis to provide for meaningful M/WBE participation in all purchasing, subcontracting and ancillary supplies and labor services.

“We have a deep interest in providing opportunity to all qualified laborers through the construction of the Memorial. September 11th was an event that impacted everyone and we want to allow everyone to have an opportunity to help in the rebuilding. We’re pleased that Bovis shares our commitment to creating a diverse workforce,” Ms. Dykstra said.

Both Gretchen Dykstra and Bill Goldstein have demonstrated commitments to M/WBE programs. The Foundation supports the initiatives of the Mayor’s Commission on Construction Opportunity and will encourage the provision of mentoring and training programs. As Commissioner of the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, Ms. Dykstra served on the Mayor’s Commission and as President of the School Construction Authority, Mr. Goldstein led the most comprehensive minority business development program in New York City. The Foundation’s commitment to an M/WBE program is also in keeping with the goals of the Lower Manhattan Construction Coordination Act, signed into law by Governor Pataki in 2004.

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The Foundation, in cooperation with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Construction Manager in December 2005. Three proposals were reviewed based on staffing plans, performance history, technical and managerial capabilities, and other qualifications to assure the delivery of the project on schedule and within budget. The contractors were asked to demonstrate expertise in providing pre-construction and construction phase services for large scale projects in major metropolitan areas such as New York City.

ABOUT BOVIS LEND LEASE

Bovis Lend Lease offers nearly a century of experience in the construction industry. In the past decade alone, the firm has provided construction services on over 2,500 projects for 1,100 clients nationwide. Bovis Lend Lease provides a full range of construction services including construction management, general contracting, program management, project management, design/build and consulting services. Bovis Lend Lease is part of the Lend Lease Group, a leading global real estate services business, having developed, constructed and managed real estate assets around the world for over 45 years. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange, the Lend Lease Group operates in 43 countries on six continents, with a significant presence in Australia, Asia, Europe, and the United States.

ABOUT THE WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation established to raise funds as well as build and operate the Memorial and Memorial Museum at the World Trade Center site. The Memorial, “Reflecting Absence,” will remember and honor the thousands of people who died in the horrific attacks of February 26th, 1993 and September 11th, 2001 and recognize the endurance of those who survived, the courage of those who risked their lives to save others, and the compassion of all who offered their support in the aftermath. “Reflecting Absence,” designed by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, was selected from among 5,201 submissions from 63 countries in what was the largest design competition in history. Donations can be made through the Foundation’s website, and more information on the Foundation can be found at www.buildthememorial.org.

Construction on the Memorial and Museum are expected to be complete in 2009.

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PLEASE NOTE: New renderings of the Memorial design are available at www.buildthememorial.org, under the “News” section, click on “Media Images.”

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