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Niagara Convention & Civic Centre reaches the highest point and completes steel installation

(Niagara Falls, ON) April 30, 2010 -- At an official Topping Off ceremony, Bondfield Construction celebrated its workers' achievements thus far in the construction of the Niagara Convention & Civic Centre (NCCC). Niagara Falls Mayor Ted Salci, Kim Craitor, MPP, Niagara Regional Chair Peter Partington and Kerry Painter, NCCC President & General Manager, were present to officially mark the project reaching its highest roof point and the completion of the steel structure.

"We are proud to be working with Bondfield Construction on this project and are very pleased to celebrate their efforts and the great work of their employees as they keep the construction of the NCCC on time for its planned opening in 2011," said Mayor Salci. "The NCCC represents an integral part of our City's infrastructure which will, among its many positive inherent qualities, provide a wider scope of year round employment potential," he added.

The Governments of Canada and Ontario have each committed up to \$35 million towards the NCCC. Other major funding partners include Falls Management Company (operator of Casino Niagara and Fallsview Casino Resort) and the Fallsview BIA. Additional partners include Victoria BIA and the Niagara Parks Commission. The City of Niagara Falls and the Regional Municipality of Niagara are in-kind partners of the NCCC.

"I cannot stress enough that today is the another milestone in the path to success. This facility will provide year round economic prospects for our community as Canada's premier destination location," said MPP Kim Craitor. "I was very happy when our Government provided both the economic and political leadership to move this project forward. The timing could not have been better as this convention centre is truly an economic infrastructure investment that will provide a source of jobs and economic development opportunity for decades to come. This not only means an enormous economic boost to the Region, but to the province as a whole," he added.

In December 2008, the City of Niagara Falls announced that Bondfield Construction Company Limited in collaboration with CS&P Architects, Stanford Downey Architects and the Kirkland Partnership were selected as the preferred proponents for the design and build of the Centre. This group has previously worked together to complete other large-scale infrastructure projects in the Niagara Region including the Niagara College Glendale Campus and the Hilton Fallsview Hotel. The group has designed the NCCC to be built to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification.



Bondfield Vice President, John Aquino, was leading the celebration created as a tribute to his workers and subcontractors for the exemplary job they are doing towards completing this facility on-time and on-budget. “Today is our way to thank the diligent workers on this project. They are the heart and soul of this project. Their hard work over the past year has brought us to this milestone.”

“I am so fortunate to be working with such a professional team. This facility is going to open in less than one year to a full calendar of spring meetings and events. We are most thankful to Bondfield for such a great design and such a talented group of builders. Today is a very special day in the progress of this project,” Kerry Painter commented.

The Niagara Convention & Civic Centre will officially open its doors in April 2011. Presently, the sales and marketing staff are accepting convention and meetings bookings.

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