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**BELL NAMED PRIME CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**  
*Tennessee Road Builders Honor Contractor at Annual Conference*

Nashville, TN- (March 21, 2007)- Bell and Associates Construction has received top honors from the Tennessee Road Builders Association as they were recently named the TRBA Prime Contractor of the Year.

The award is voted on by subcontractors, suppliers and associate members of the TRBA and is presented to the company who exemplifies the following criteria:

- Promptly pays subcontractors and suppliers
- Handles subcontractor bids in a confidential, professional manner
- Has sufficient personnel and equipment to timely construct the project
- Uses fair subcontract agreements
- Provides subcontractors and suppliers with sufficient lead time
- Provides ready and safe worksite for subcontractors

“We are honored to accept this award from the TRBA as this is voted on by our road building community and the companies who enable us to bring projects to a successful completion,” said Bruce Nicely, senior vice president, Bell & Associates Construction, L.P. “A project is destined to be a success when the right team is put together. The subcontractors make up a majority of our team, and for their hard work and dedication, we would like to say thank you.”

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“Bell & Associates is proud to be named the 2006 Prime Contractor of the Year,” said Keith Pyle, president, Bell & Associates Construction, L.P. “Our transportation division is made up of highly experienced and skilled employees who take their job very seriously, and this award is proof of their commitment to their work.”

Transportation projects total a substantial amount of Bell & Associates annual revenues. Bell has a great history on Tennessee roadways as they have completed four of the top 10 largest Tennessee Department of Transportation projects of all time, with two of them being in the top five.

TRBA is an organization of nearly 400 contractors and associates who are dedicated to promoting better contracting and conditions for workers and securing proper funding for road construction projects. TRBA consists of six divisions: Aggregate, Asphalt, Bridge and Concrete, Grading, Specialty and Associate.

Bell & Associates Construction is a full-service general contractor and provides construction management and pre-construction services. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn., the firm builds transportation, justice, commercial, corporate, hospitality, sports-venue, entertainment and institutional structures across the Southeastern United States. Bell is on the web at [www.balp.com](http://www.balp.com).

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