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BELL'S COMMITMENT TO PROJECTS RECOGNIZED BY TDOT

General Contractor Presented with Commissioners Top Partnering Award

Brentwood, Tennessee- August 10, 2007- Bell & Associates Construction, L.P., was recently presented with the *2006 Commissioner's Top Partnering Award* by Commissioner Gerald Nicely and the Tennessee Department of Transportation for their outstanding work on the Demonbreun Street Bridge. Bell served as the general contractor on the highly visible and much anticipated project that was completed in October of 2006 in downtown Nashville.

"It is a pleasure to present the 2006 Commissioner's Award to Bell & Associates," said Nicely. "The partnerships they established with TDOT, Metro Public Works, their subcontractors and the community were instrumental in their completing this job ahead of schedule. The result is a structure that pays tribute to an important part of Nashville's history and serves as an attractive gateway into downtown."

The *Commissioner's Top Partnering Award* was developed in 1999 to promote a more cooperative and productive working relationship between the contractor and TDOT. Objectives include efficient performance, completion of the contract within budget and on time, motorist/worker safety during construction, environmental treatment, performance testing, and the avoidance of claims. Each area is graded and receives a specified number of points. The company with the highest overall score receives the award.

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“Bell & Associates is honored to receive this award as we work hard to produce industry-leading roads and bridges for the Tennessee Department of Transportation,” said Keith Pyle, president and partner, Bell & Associates Construction, L.P. “I want to congratulate both the management team and the field personnel of our Transportation Department as this award was a collaborative effort by all.”

The \$8.3 million project was completed five months ahead of schedule. Bell crews worked day and night to give the city of Nashville and its residents a key link between the Gulch, Music Row and downtown Nashville.

Bell & Associates Construction is a full-service general contractor providing construction management and pre-construction services. Headquartered in Brentwood, Tenn., just outside of Nashville, the firm builds structures across the southeastern United States in such arenas as transportation, justice, commercial, corporate, hospitality, entertainment and institutional. Bell is on the Web at www.balp.com.

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