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Hardin Construction Company Celebrates Its 65th Anniversary

Many Years, Multiple Measures of Success

ATLANTA, GA (August 1, 2011) — Hardin Construction Company, LLC is celebrating its 65th anniversary as an industry leader consistently ranked among the top construction companies in the nation.

To commemorate the milestone, the company is cheering Hardin's many symbols of success and sharpening the company for the future.

"We've reached a significant milestone, there's no question. But counting the years is the easy part and just one measure of our accomplishments," says Hardin Chairman Brantley Barrow.

"Consider also Hardin's leadership in green construction, our success attracting industry-best employees, the safety and construction-excellence awards we have earned over the years, and the relationships we've built with clients, communities and subcontractors throughout the country—these are also success indicators. They're much harder to quantify, but a Hardin anniversary celebration would be incomplete if we did not count them among our proudest achievements."

Founded by Ira Hardin in 1946 as a post-World War II, residential construction company focused on the Atlanta market, the company today also operates business units in Austin, Texas, Raleigh, N.C., and Orlando and Tampa, Fla.

It proudly points to having completed more than 1,400 projects in 29 states, Mexico and the Caribbean.

A Pioneer in Green Construction

Hardin's project portfolio—from landmark hotels and office buildings to state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, university residence halls and performing arts centers—encompasses a number of green projects, including 20 LEED projects.

On this list are the Southeast region's first LEED Gold certified office building, a parking facility nestled within a hillside, a neighborhood YMCA, a children's library and theater, interstate highway rest area buildings and the company's own headquarters space, which is LEED Gold certified.

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The publication ENR Southeast ranked Hardin on its Top 60 Green Contractors list, and the company recently added Green Development of the Year and Best Green Building awards to its industry accolades. Forty Hardin associates are LEED Accredited Professionals.

“We committed in the early 2000s to offering our clients the highest level of expertise in the green-building arena, and to ensuring that, at a minimum, every construction team would have access to a LEED-accredited staff member,” said Hardin President Bill Pinto. “Strong enthusiasm and buy-in from our associates allowed us to fulfill that commitment.”

Celebration by Participation

Hardin held its signature anniversary celebration in May, when 80 percent of its associates joined in a community service day in cities with Hardin branch offices.

Company-wide, executives and associates fanned out to give back to nonprofit organizations by building, painting, repairing, sorting food and otherwise supporting community improvement initiatives. At some jobsites in cities where Hardin does not have offices, project teams organized fundraisers to benefit charitable causes.

“For 65 years, communities throughout the country have provided outstanding opportunities for our company and our associates,” said Chairman Barrow. “We planned this celebration to express our appreciation and to reflect the values that are deeply embedded in the Hardin culture—compassion and a strong sense of community responsibility.”

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Hardin is nationally recognized for superior safety performance. The company has consistently earned awards and recognition from OSHA and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). An especially satisfying recognition was the national safety excellence award Hardin received from the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) for, among other things, achieving accident levels well below national averages for its industry.

Historically, Hardin has enjoyed a high rate of repeat business with blue-chip clients, and a strong reputation for wrapping up projects on time and within budget.

Earlier this year, Hardin executives outlined an updated company strategic plan and announced a host of internal changes and improvements, including new hires and the expanded use of advanced technology—all designed to continually enhance the quality of Hardin’s client services.

“We will not rest on our reputation,” says Barrow. “We are committed to investing in our people and in technology and other tools to ensure that Hardin remains a world-class service provider. As always, we will be anchored by the integrity and commitment to excellence that have always defined Hardin.”

ABOUT HARDIN CONSTRUCTION:

Celebrating 65 years of excellence, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is one of the nation’s leading construction services firms, providing unequalled expertise for projects of broad scope and complexity through its culture of integrity, innovation and opportunity. With capabilities in general construction, construction management, design-build and renovation, Hardin is a leader in green building and sustainable practices and is recognized nationally for their safety practices. Privately-held, Hardin’s headquarters is in Atlanta, Ga., with offices in Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas. For more information, visit www.hardinconstruction.com.

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