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Hardin Construction Celebrates Embassy Suites Hotel Topping Out

Employing 300 Construction Workers, Creating 200 Hospitality Jobs

ORLANDO, FL (September 29, 2011) — Hardin Construction, one of the nation's leading construction services firms, announced the "topping out" of the Embassy Suites Orlando - Lake Buena Vista South, signifying the project has reached its maximum height. The project began in April 2011 and is expected to open in fall 2012.

Sierra Lodgings, Inc. will operate the 11-story hotel featuring 300 guest suites and 40,000 square feet of meeting space. The suites will include separate living areas with a sofa bed and desk, private bedroom and bath, high-speed internet access, a wet bar, refrigerator, and microwave oven. The project currently employs 300 construction workers, and the hotel is expected to employ approximately 200 people, expanding the base of tourism and conventions in Osceola County. The architect of record is Helman Hurley Charvat Peacock Architects, Inc (HHCP).

"We are thrilled to have reached this point in the Embassy Suites' endeavor. We congratulate the entire team for their diligence and tireless commitment to this project," said Drew Emerson, Construction Manager, at Hardin Construction.

"Having the opportunity to design and construct a hotel of this caliber with the Embassy Suites brand is truly exciting for our team," said Eric Rosenbaum, Vice President of Operations for Sierra Lodgings, Inc. "It rounds out our Orlando portfolio of all-suite hotels, taking our inventory to almost 2,000 suites."

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