



Centex Construction Selected to Support Air Force Memorial Project

Arlington, VA, September 12, 2003 – The Air Force Memorial Foundation has chosen Centex Construction Company to provide pre-construction services to the Air Force Memorial project. Centex, represented by their Fairfax division, was selected over five other firms competing for the project.

“The competition was very competitive and all competing firms were highly qualified and capable of building the Air Force Memorial,” said Maj Gen (Ret) Edward Grillo, the Foundation President. “We were honored to have such top notch firms bid on this project. At the end of the day, Centex simply had the edge in many of the evaluation areas, and their personnel certainly displayed their core values of integrity, ownership, passion, significance, teamwork and enjoyment. They were recommended as the firm of choice to the Board of Trustees.”

“I assure you that our employees will bring this passion, their personal best and their enthusiasm to the Air Force Memorial project” said John Tarpey, President and CEO of Centex’s Mid Atlantic division.

Ross Perot, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Air Force Memorial Foundation, with the unanimous support of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, expressed his confidence, and support of the Centex selection.

The Air Force Memorial will honor the millions of patriotic men and women who distinguished themselves in the United States Air Force and its predecessors, such as the Army Air Corps. The Memorial will be constructed on a promontory overlooking the Pentagon, and includes three stainless steel spires that soar skyward. Other key elements of the Memorial include a “runway to glory,” inscription walls, an Honor Guard sculpture, and an open glass Chamber of Contemplation, all landscaped to create a memorial park and parade ground overlooking the nation’s capital.

Congressional legislation signed in 2001 allowed for location of the Memorial at the current site. Plans call for ground breaking to begin in the latter part of 2004 and construction to be completed in 2006.

The owner of this project is the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The architect is the internationally renowned James Ingo Freed of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, Architects.

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