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**CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAYS
RETURN TO SOUTH FLORIDA
*Two Day Job Fair to Alert Students
About Opportunities in Construction Industry***

Davie, FL – The 8th annual South Florida Construction Career Days (CCD), a two-day event that spotlights career and training opportunities in the highway and bridge construction industry, is returning to the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, 4271 Davie Road, in Davie. This year's event takes place on Tuesday, October 27 & Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

On Tuesday, October 27th, at 8:00a.m., please join the Mayor of Davie, Ms. Judy Paul as she officially opens the 8th Annual South Florida Construction Career Days.

Construction Career Days provides a forum for high school and career/training students in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, to learn about opportunities in the highway and bridge construction fields.

To date, over 10,000 students have participated in South Florida CCD. This year we expect over 1,600 students from schools throughout the tri-county area to attend.

The students will experience over 30 hands on, learning labs presented by South Florida construction industry professionals. Lab subjects include asphalt mix design, concrete mix design, environmental engineering, computer-based bridge design, surveying, traffic management, rapid incident response and work zone safety. In the CCD Career Center labs students will learn resume & job application preparation, construction education opportunities and interviewing skills.

There is an industry-wide need for qualified engineers, field managers, equipment operators, technicians, and surveyors. More than 30,000 new jobs will be created in Florida by 2010.

“Many professions have little to offer young people because students typically lack practical experience,” said Peter Nissen, Florida Department of Transportation District Four Construction Engineer and CCD chairperson. “Our industry is just the opposite. We’ve got good-paying jobs available for those just starting in the field.”

Kelly Tractor Co., a full-service CAT[®] equipment dealer with locations in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, will once again be hosting the backhoe hands-on learning lab at CCD. Making students aware of post-high school career opportunities is their main goal. “Some of the people we speak with are surprised at the high-level career opportunities that exist in heavy equipment and construction,” said Paul A. Laya, Kelly Tractor marketing manager. “This event is a great educational tool for the industry. “

Event sponsors include the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Florida Transportation Builders' Association, Engineering Contractors Association and Florida Department of Transportation. Exhibitors on-site will be representing local construction contractors, engineering consultants, equipment dealers & suppliers, trade associations, government, and education sectors.

For more information about South Florida Construction Career Days, visit our web site at www.ccdfl.com.

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