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UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC. CHANGES NAME TO REFLECT GROWTH

July 18, 2008 (Wichita, KS)...Today, on its 58th anniversary, Utility Contractors, Inc., a Wichita, Kansas-based general contractor, is changing its name to UCI.

On July 18, 1950, Utility Contractors was started to provide infrastructure work for the City of Wichita.

Fifty-eight years later Utility Contractors, Inc. has grown into a multiple-discipline general contractor providing a broad spectrum of services to a wide range of industries. In making the announcement, Charles (Chuck) Grier, President and CEO stated, "We've outgrown our name. In addition to utility work we build sewage and water treatment plants, municipal pools and aquatic parks, install concrete foundations and underground piping in refineries and other petrochemical facilities, plus work in a number of other areas. We felt it was time for our name to more accurately reflect the scope of our business."

Guided by a dynamic leadership team, more than 150 employees now work at job sites around the country. Engineering News Record consistently ranks Utility Contractors among the Top 600 Specialty Contractors and the Top 20 Utility Construction Companies in America.

Company leaders believe their emphasis on safety training is a key component in the company's growth. In 2008 they had not one, but two sites awarded the prestigious OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) designation. The OSHA VPP is official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and healthful working conditions. There are more than 8 million work sites each year in the United States. Less than .008% is a recipient of the OSHA VPP award

Another major contributor to their growth is the UCI on-going commitment to provide superior career and craft training for all employees. They use a national curriculum of general skills, such as safety or construction math, and specific skills, such as brick laying. As employees gain education, they become more valuable to their employer and provide a highly qualified workforce for UCI clients.

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