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West Coast Contractors is Raising the Bar *With 50 Years of Crane Service Experience WCC Exceeds Industry Expectations*

COOS BAY, OR—October 28th, 2013— Although some sectors of the construction industry will continue to struggle in 2012, the spending for heavy engineering construction is expected to increase by 7.7 percent during the year, according to Reed Construction Data.¹ This large-scale, difficult work requires special expertise in crane service, pile driving, and similar work—the kind of construction support that West Coast Contractors of Coos Bay, Oregon, has been providing its customers for a half century. During these decades, WCC's knowledge, experience, and innovative construction solutions have raised the industry bar on heavy construction services.

WCC was founded as a crane service company on the southern Oregon coast in 1962 and over the decades expanded both its services and its geographic range. Now licensed and bonded in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, WCC has successfully completed heavy construction jobs that include everything from bridge work to marine contracting to pile driving and foundations.

A quick survey of several WCC projects over the decades reveals the breadth and depth of its work as well as the ability of its highly trained construction teams to meet any construction challenges.

In 1995, when a large Oregon contractor needed assistance in accelerating the Interstate 5 bridge construction over the Santiam River, WCC brought in larger cranes, customized templates to stand piles, and designed reinforced pile tips to meet the shortened schedule. WCC's innovative approaches on that project are still being used in the construction industry today.

More than a decade later, the Bodega Bay Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail project required West Coast Contracting to meet strict environmental standards. It complied by moving heavy equipment—including a crane—onto the beach with minimal disturbance. WCC built a temporary road and choreographed the movement of cranes and pile-driving equipment to match tides and avoid contact with the ocean. At the project's completion the road was gone and so was any trace of the heavy equipment.

One recent project consisted of repairs to the tsunami-damaged Port of Brookings Harbor in

¹ <http://www.reedconstructiondata.com/construction-forecast/news/2012/03/heavy-engineering-non-building-construction-spending-slips-in-january/>



Oregon. That work required the use of a clamshell bucket attached to a crane and a long-reach excavator to clear the harbor of debris that included rock, logs, old sheet piles, and an old sunken barge. WCC then drilled 40 feet into the shoreline to install tiebacks and used a crane and pile driver to install a 60-foot sheet pile wall along the bay. With WCC's expertise—and the heavy equipment that it can quickly provide for any project—the company completed a new concrete dock for the port in time for the opening of the 2012 crabbing season.

"It's both exciting and satisfying to look back and see how our business has grown from a three-person crane service to a professional construction company that can field the specialized cranes, pile drivers, and other kinds of heavy equipment that our customers need. We have also become experts in adapting modern technology so we can use that heavy equipment with great precision to meet exacting specifications," said WCC President David Kronsteiner. "The construction challenges that our customers' projects present to us today are complex, but we enjoy the process of developing solutions that will satisfy all of their construction, environment, budget, and schedule requirements. We take pride in being the company that raises the bar on construction solutions."

About West Coast Contractors

Founded in 1962, WCC is a general contractor that specializes in heavy construction projects including bridges, harbors, marine facilities, and governmental work. WCC is renowned for construction jobs that are able to withstand severe weather conditions, and is a leader in developing environmentally sound procedures for sensitive locations. Clients include the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard, states of Oregon and California, Chevron, NOAA, Roseburg Forest Products, and the Ports of Morrow, Newport and Coos Bay. Find more information visit www.westcoastcontractors.com or contact Jessica Kopach at Christie Communications at jkopach@christiecomm.com or via phone at 805.969.3697.

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