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James Folkemer and Edward A. Lurz, Jr. Earn Certified Construction Manager Designation

McLean, VA (November 9, 2007) — James Folkemer and Edward A. Lurz, Jr., project managers at Oak Contracting, were recently certified as Certified Construction Managers (CCM) by the Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI). CMCI administers the CCM program, which is accredited by the ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024 Personnel Certification Accreditation Program.

CCMs are individuals who have voluntarily met the prescribed criteria of the Certified Construction Manager Program with regard to formal education, field experience and demonstrated capability and understanding of the CM body of knowledge. The CCM designation is awarded to those who have met the professional standards and have demonstrated a commitment to and interest in providing the highest quality professional CM services available.

The criteria for certification are based on both formal academic training and professional project management field experience. Key to the program is the mandatory 4-year responsible-in-charge construction manager experience. The applicant must document experience that was realized during project execution as a part of a project delivery team; further, this experience must be in the roles and functions of a construction manager throughout all phases of construction as defined by CMAA.

Certification applicants complete a comprehensive and rigorous process including completing an extensive application with client references that is reviewed and evaluated by the Certification Board of Governors, and passing a comprehensive 6-hour exam. Certification is renewable on a three-year basis with mandatory continuing education requirements.

The CCM program is a wholly owned subsidiary of CMAA (Construction Management Association of America), an association that supports professional CMs in enhancing their performance and capabilities. The CCM program demonstrates CMAA's mission to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process and its own mission to recognize through certification individual knowledge and experience that meet established practices of construction management. For more information on CMCI's certification program, visit the website at www.cmcertification.org.

Founded in 1971, Towson-based Oak Contracting is a regional construction management firm specialized in new construction and renovation projects for the K-12 and medical research sectors. The firm's expertise also spans higher education, non-profit, and commercial projects ranging from \$5 million to \$100 million in value. www.oakcontracting.com.

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