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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## BRB Contractors Launches Apprenticeship Program for Heavy Construction

TOPEKA, KS (August 9, 2006) BRB Contractors, Inc. announced today that it has received approval from the State of Kansas to establish a registered construction trades apprentice program. Current and new employees are eligible for this program, which will allow BRB to train individuals to become concrete masons, pipe fitters, carpenters and equipment operators.

Several members of the apprenticeship program will receive hands-on training as they participate in a community service project to benefit the Great Overland Station and Railroad Heritage Museum. Along with other local contractors, the apprentices will assist with the removal of a concrete foundation and parking area located South of the Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas Avenue. This project will begin at 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 11. "By including our interns in this project, BRB is sharing our ideal of commitment to community service and helping to foster a strong sense of pride in our local population," said Katherin Steinbacher, Director of Business Development for BRB.

Through successful participation in the apprentice program, employees will receive annually: 144 hours of classroom training, 2000 hours of on the job training and 15 hours of credit through North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit, Kansas. Over the course of three years these participants will learn a trade while holding a full-time job. "This is a great opportunity for BRB to add diversity to its workforce as well as provide career opportunities which will ensure the skills required for the future of the construction industry," said Dan Welch, Director of Human Resources for BRB.

Portions of this program will be funded through grants from the WIA State of Kansas Set-aside program.

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### ABOUT BRB

BRB is a Topeka-based heavy contractor specializing in the construction of water and wastewater facilities and utilities. BRB works throughout the U.S. Midwest and has been in business since 1959.

### ABOUT THE KANSAS CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

The Kansas Contractors Association represents 400 members of the heavy, highway and utility construction industries across Kansas. As the state's largest full-service association, KCA is committed to constantly improving the industry offering Government & Regulatory Programs, Networking & Social Events, Education and Safety Programs, Products & Publications.

NOTE: Additional companies expected to participate are: Herrmans with a track loader, Emerson with at least one tractor trailer dump truck, Koss a tractor and lowboy, Dean Ferrell and Grist Demolition is assisting as well. Schmidlein is furnishing the concrete spoil pipe and crushing equipment and Kansas Sand is letting us in the gate to the spoil pile after 5:00 P.M. and letting us use their land, and hopefully Dean Ferrell. Apprentices working on the demolition included Rhonda Brady of Topeka, Eric Kirk or Meriden, KS and Jerome Alexander of Charlottesville, VA. The apprentices could be identified by the baby blue hats.