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S&P COMPLETES UPGRADES TO VALLEY WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOUSTON, TEXAS (March 4, 2011) – Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. (S&P) recently completed work for the Houston Independent School District to expand Valley West Elementary School in southwest Houston. Part of the \$805-million Rebuild HISD 2007 Bond program, the addition and renovation project was needed to relieve overcrowding at the school built in 1970.

S&P completed the \$5,500,000 Construction Manager at Risk project in 11 months. The 68,716-square-foot building project included construction of a new 36,522-square-foot addition along with upgrades to the existing facility to accommodate the growing number of students in pre-K to grade 5.

The brick addition primarily features classrooms that will replace portable structures. In addition to the new construction, S&P performed upgrades to the existing school that included repainting the entire building and replacing sound, fire alarm, and intercom systems.

Building on an active educational site presented a significant challenge. Students were attending classes in temporary buildings, which required a lengthy walk to reach the main school building. To solve this potentially hazardous condition, S&P constructed a canopied walkway that ran alongside the construction, keeping workers inside the construction area and children safely away from the construction activity.

Designed by PMP Architects, the addition and renovation project is LEED-registered. The advanced design and construction methods allowed pursuit of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification as a facility that has achieved high environmental standards and building sustainability.

About Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

Established in 1989, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. is an award-winning general contractor and construction manager. *Engineering News-Record* ranks S&P #107 in 'Top 400 Contractors' in the U.S. *Texas Construction* ranks S&P #18 in 'Top Texas Contractors' and #3 in 'Educational Facility Construction.' S&P's commitment to sustainable construction also earned a spot on *Engineering News-Record's* 'Top 50 Green Builders' in America. *ENR Texas and Louisiana* recently selected S&P as one of 'Six Companies to Watch' in 2011.

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