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SATTERFIELD & PONTIKES COMPLETES HISTORIC SCHOOL RENOVATION

Historical integrity of Central Middle School restored to original condition

HOUSTON, August 4, 2010 – **Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc.** (S&P) recently completed \$7.4 million in renovation work on Hurricane Ike-damaged Central Middle School in Galveston, Texas. After approximately 12 months of work, S&P will turn over the school to Galveston Independent School District this month.

Since the school is being considered for historical protection status, S&P performed interior restoration to preserve the building's historical integrity and also worked under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding guidelines. PBK Architects provided the design and plans for the 250,000-square-foot renovation.

A key challenge was the lack of supplemental funding from Galveston ISD. Because the District is relying solely on FEMA funds, S&P was mandated to restore the school to its original condition only. S&P worked closely with the owner and the design team to ensure the work stayed within guidelines and budget while delivering the maximum amount of program.

Of the entire structure, approximately 170,000 square feet of the first floor was flooded during Hurricane Ike. Renovation features include replacement of sheetrock, windows, finishes, flooring, tile, cabinetry, and mold-damaged exterior walls. In addition, the auditorium received upgrades that included modern stage equipment, lighting, dimming curtains and original-look seating.

The school was constructed in 1953 and known then as Central High School. When Central merged with Ball High School in the late 1960s, the current facility became a middle school. Central High School originally opened in 1885 as the first African-American high school in Texas, and students from across the state traveled to Galveston to attend.

About Satterfield & Pontikes Construction

Established in 1989, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Inc. is a general contractor and construction manager with offices in Texas and Louisiana. *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"** (out of 125 firms) 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.

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