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Crawford to Design Arena Development SW Washington

Kansas City, Mo. (November 18, 2008) – Crawford Architects announced today that the firm will master plan and design The Southwest Washington Regional Equestrian Center (The REQ). The REQ is envisioned as an equestrian-based mixed-use development. Facilities will include a new multi-purpose arena, hotels, restaurants, shops, and equestrian facilities such as show arenas and stables integrated into an equestrian-themed village. The project will be built using over \$125 million of private capital and will not use tax dollars for construction or operations.

Larry Hewitt, the Centralia, Washington businessman heading the project, said, “Crawford and their team was the missing piece to the puzzle. Their first task is to advise The REQ on the best SW Washington regional location for the project development.”

David Miller, Project Director at Crawford, added, “The equestrian village live-work-play concept combined with the multi-purpose arena will make this an outstanding regional destination for families.”

About Crawford: Crawford Architects is an international architecture and planning firm with offices in Kansas City, Missouri and Sydney, Australia. Crawford specializes in mixed-use commercial developments, sports facilities, convention centers and master planning. Recent projects include work on Qwest Field, the home of the Seattle Seahawks; the Virginia Mason Athletic Center in Renton, Washington; Branson Landing, the \$400 million “live-work-play” development in Missouri; McLeod Center Arena, for University of Northern Iowa; Purcell Pavilion for the University of Notre Dame; and the Franklin Field Renovation for the University of Pennsylvania.

On the Web: The REQ: www.TheREQ.com

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