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Kitchell pledges \$500,000 to ASU Construction School *Gift will help build new facility for Del E. Webb School of Construction*

(PHOENIX) Sept. 25, 2007 — They came for the brats and burgers, but students got much more than just dinner. Last week's annual event welcoming students back to the Del E. Webb School of Construction at Arizona State University provided the perfect venue to announce a major gift to the school's building campaign. In fact, more than 70 students gathered inside the Urban Systems Engineering building on the Tempe campus to watch as representatives from Kitchell, a national construction-industry corporation headquartered in Phoenix, presented a ceremonial check for \$500,000 to the DEWSC.

Kitchell made the gift as part of a \$6 million fund-raising effort to help build the new facility led by the Arizona Builders' Alliance (ABA), of which Kitchell is a member. The ABA hopes to raise \$3 million for the new DEWSC facility and \$3 million for an endowed lecturer position within the school.

"As one of the oldest construction companies founded in Arizona, Kitchell is proud to support the Del E. Webb School of Construction's building campaign," said Steve Pisarcik, senior vice president of Kitchell Contractors and a 1976 DEWSC graduate.

Sam Kitchell, founder of Kitchell who passed away in 2006, helped create the school of construction at ASU and co-founded the Alliance for Construction in the early '80s. Since 2000, the DEWSC has trained more than 7,500 construction professionals through ACE.

"Kitchell has been instrumental in helping the school to establish educational opportunities for industry professionals through ACE, as well as supporting undergraduate education through scholarship philanthropy," said Jim Erzen, director of the Del E. Webb School of Construction. "We are grateful for their continued support including this latest gift to help build our new facility."

Construction and real estate are the fourth-largest industries in Arizona, employing 240,000 workers and representing one in 11 jobs in the state. The significance of their impact on Arizona's economy amplifies the need to produce more college-educated industry leaders locally.

“As a major employer in the Valley, Kitchell has hired many DEWSC graduates over the past five decades in positions that range from project engineers to officers of the company,” said Pisarcik. “What better way to help ensure an educated work force than with support for new facilities in which to provide that education.”

The new DEWSC facility, slated for completion in 2010, will include more than 180,000 square feet of space to primarily house the DEWSC’s academic and research programs, as well as other engineering programs that are complementary to the construction program curriculum. The school is seeking a total of \$10 million in private funding and \$20 million in public funding from the state to help finance the project.

Kitchell is a diversified corporation offering a wide variety of construction-related services, including program and construction management, general contracting and real-estate development. Kitchell also owns American Refrigeration Supplies, an air conditioning/refrigeration equipment wholesaling company based in Phoenix. The firm has offices in Phoenix, Ariz.; Sacramento, San Jose, Fresno, Carlsbad and Ontario, Calif.; and Las Vegas, Nev. Learn more about Kitchell at www.kitchell.com.

The **Del E. Webb School of Construction (DEWSC)** is a construction-management program that was established in 1957 at Arizona State University. The DEWSC is considered one of the top construction-management programs in the nation with undergraduate and graduate degrees. Research areas include housing, civil infrastructure, ultra-pure facilities, productivity, leadership, safety, alternate project delivery, facilities management and performance-based procurement. The DEWSC resides within the Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering. Learn more about the DEWSC at <http://construction.asu.edu>.

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