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**Walton Construction Director Recognized by  
Black Chamber of Commerce of Great Kansas City**

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** (November 5, 2007) - Walton Construction's Director of Human Resources/Diversity, Sterling Stanford, was awarded the Mary Lona Diversity Award for his outstanding efforts in promoting participation with women- and minority-owned businesses at the Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City's (BCCGKC) 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Arrow Head Pavilion.

"It is truly an honor to receive this recognition," said Stanford. "I am determined to be a change agent in the construction industry, by promoting diversity and inclusion. I have a right and a responsibility to continue the work of the many great men and women that came before me. They fought and sacrificed so that I and others would have the opportunities that we have today. This award is the result of the efforts of many people focused on building partnerships and creating business opportunities for minority and women owned businesses in the construction industry and at Walton."

Earlier this year, Stanford was named MBE Coordinator of the Year by the MidAmerica Minority Business Development Council's (MAMBDC).

The Black Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City (BCCGKC) is a not-for-profit corporation founded by fourteen local African-American business owners as a vehicle through which to promote, maintain and sustain economic progress for African American business owned enterprises in the metropolitan area.

*Walton Construction Company LLC, which maintains full-service offices in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, Mo., Dallas, Texas and New Orleans, La., is ranked among the top contractors in the United States by Engineering News Record. Established in 1985, Walton Construction has grown steadily to become a leader in pre-construction, general contracting, design-build and construction management services.*

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