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***Walton Construction Completes Ballroom Expansion***  
*Kansas City Convention Center Ballroom is one of the largest in country*

(Kansas City, Mo. - May 2, 2007) Walton Construction Company, LLC recently completed the expansion to the Kansas City Convention Center new ballroom in downtown Kansas City, Mo. The Convention Center expansion and ballroom are one of the first projects to be completed as part of the City's current downtown economic redevelopment.

Walton Construction has had a long history with the building and expansion of the Bartle Hall Convention Center. Founder Greg Walton served as project manager for the original construction of the original Bartle Hall Convention Center in 1974. Twenty years later, Walton constructed the four 300 foot pylons over a six-lane freeway to support the facility's roof. Bartle Hall is now recognized as the largest column-free convention environment in the world.

Thirteen years later, Walton Construction was awarded the Bartle Hall Ballroom expansion addition. As one of the 10 largest ballrooms in the country at 151,000 square feet, it is crown jewel of Kansas City's \$135 million dollar overall renovation and expansion project.

"The new Grand Ballroom ranks as one of the country's top ten largest facilities of its kind, said Oscar McGaskey, Jr., executive director of the Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department. "It will play a key role with securing future conventions and events, and will help to bring millions of additional tourism dollars to Kansas City."

The Grand Ballroom was constructed on a very tight schedule. Significantly, the overall schedule of 10 months was reduced to 7 months due to delays in preceding work. In order to recover 3 months lost time within the 7 months remaining to the target completion date, Walton's staff re-sequenced the project schedule in consultation with the City's staff and targeting only the crafts necessary to bring the completion back in line with the City's requirements undertook selected night time and weekend work.

The building was designed and constructed to meet green building standards and achieve a LEED Silver rating. Walton's site team included 2 LEED Accredited Professionals documenting and tracking materials, construction methods, recycling and waste management.

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