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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Englewood Construction Completes Three New Projects as  
Holiday Retail Sales Projected for Biggest Growth Since 2006**

CHICAGO – Englewood Construction, one of the country’s leading national retail construction firms, announces three new projects in the Midwest as the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) projects the strongest holiday retail sales season since 2006 nationally, supporting the optimistic outlook of many in the industry for 2011 and beyond.

The Lemont, Ill.-based company recently completed a 9,000-square-foot American Girl boutique store in Overland Park, Kan. and has completed the exterior renovation of two Sears stores in Chicago and Niles, Ill.

According to William Di Santo, president of Englewood Construction, the company’s continued strong pace of projects speaks to the health of the industry and of category-leading national brands, in particular.

The executives of many national retailers agree. Retail trade magazine *Chain Store Age* reports that chief financial officers at leading U.S. retailers expect a 1.95 percent increase in overall sales for 2010, according to a recent survey. And nearly half of those CFOs anticipate their total sales revenue for 2010 to increase over 2009.

“Whether it’s the unique setting of an American Girl boutique store, or the exterior facelift of a store with a strong, century-old brand like Sears, shoppers appreciate the positive shopping experience created by the design and environment of these retailers,” said Di Santo.

Partnering with a firm like Englewood Construction also contributes to the success of national retailers like American Girl and Sears because of the quality and knowledge the firm brings to the table, noted Di Santo.

“We specialize in national retail construction and take the time to know the brand’s message and culture. This enables us to construct stores in different locations across the country consistently and efficiently,” he said. “We have the experience and contacts to complete jobs on time, on budget and to our clients’ complete satisfaction, no matter the venue.”

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The Overland Park store is the fourth American Girl store Englewood Construction has built for the popular retailer in two years. Located in the Overland Park Mall at 11461 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, the American Girl boutique included the construction of retail space and a doll hair salon.

The exterior remodeling of the two Sears stores included new windows, lighting, exterior wall cladding system and paint. The stores are located at 1601 N. Harlem Ave. in Chicago and in the Golf Mill Shopping Center at 239 Golf Mill Center Rd. in Niles, Ill.

Pasadena, Calif.-based Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc was the architecture firm for the American Girl store in Overland Park, while the Sears' exteriors were designed by in-house architects at the Hoffman Estates-based Sears Holding Company.

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**Photo Caption:** Englewood Construction recently completed a 9,000-square-foot American Girl boutique store at Overland Park Mall in Overland Park, Kan. This is the fourth American Girl store Englewood Construction has completed in two years.

**About Englewood Construction:**

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel and office/industrial projects throughout the United States. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects in 28 states and amassed a national qualified vendor base exceeding 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information on the company, visit [www.engagewoodconstruction.com](http://www.engagewoodconstruction.com), and to learn the latest insights and tips on solving commercial construction issues visit the company's blog at [www.hardhatchat.com](http://www.hardhatchat.com).

