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**Englewood Construction Announces Three Chicago-area Projects,
Including Two New Restaurants and One Retail Remodel**

Firm's "open store" strategy allows renovation without loss of foot traffic

CHICAGO – Englewood Construction (www.EnglewoodConstruction.com), one of the country's leading retail and restaurant construction firms, has announced its role in three Chicago-area projects, including the commencement of its "open store" renovation of the Express retail store at 4104 N. Harlem Ave. in Norridge, Ill.

Half of the 12,558-square-foot Express retail store will remain open to the public over the five-month renovation, said William Di Santo, president of the Schiller Park, Ill.-based firm.

An open store strategy will allow Express to earn revenue and maintain visibility among shoppers at Harlem Irving Plaza. Englewood will employ 15 contractors throughout the remodel, slated for completion this August.

The store's design is directed by Shremshock Architects of Westerville, Ohio. Consistency and attention to detail will be essential to maintaining the clothing giant's well-known brand. Its more than 500 stores generate \$1.8 billion in sales annually.

"Maintaining a comfortable environment for shoppers during construction requires careful planning," said Di Santo. "We monitor everything from the use of machinery to traffic patterns, HVAC capabilities and employee schedules. A positive customer experience is the heart of a successful open store remodel."

Di Santo also announced the completion of two prominent chain establishments, an approximately 4,000-square-foot Noodles & Co. in River Forest, Ill. and gourmet cookie franchise Mrs. Fields in Orland Park Mall in Orland Park, Ill. Englewood Construction completed the Noodles & Co. build-out over three months with design directed by Fitch Architects of Scottsdale, Ariz. The Mrs. Fields' build-out took one month to complete with architecture led by Smithfield, Utah-based ARCAD Design Studio.

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The Noodles & Co. build-out marks the tenth restaurant Englewood Construction has built on behalf of the growing chain. Earlier this year, the firm completed a new Noodles & Co. in Lee's Summit, Mo.,

Di Santo sees steady growth in the fast-casual dining segment, which fills the gap between fast-food and casual dining. Market research firm Technomic Inc. reported fast-casual restaurant chains grew their sales by 4.4 percent last year.

Englewood has constructed similar fast-casual dining spaces for national brands like Stir Crazy and It's A Wrap.

"Oil and food commodity prices have finally dropped, bringing down individual operating costs for these kinds of establishments," said Di Santo. "We have the experience to support major chains as they uncover innovative opportunities for growth."

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Photo Caption:

Englewood Construction used a helicopter to install the new HVAC rooftop unit for its newest retail renovation project, an Express in Norridge, Ill. The 5 a.m. HVAC installation was part of the Englewood's "open store" renovation strategy.

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 and amassed a national qualified vendor base exceeding 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information on the company, visit www.EnglewoodConstruction.com, and to learn the latest insights and tips on solving commercial construction issues visit the company's blog at www.hardhatchat.com.

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