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DENARK-SMITH, INC. HIRES LUCAS, FIVE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENTS

KNOXVILLE, TENN. - Raja Jubran, CEO, of Denark-Smith, Inc. announced today that the firm's efforts to "hire the best of the best from our industry" continue to pay dividends at the Executive and Senior Field Superintendent levels. "As we close in on our goal of completing \$50 million in construction this year, highly qualified, experienced people, continue to see Denark-Smith as an excellent place to be for the long-term," remarked Jubran.

Mr. Steven Lucas, PE, vice president, has joined the firm after more than seventeen years with major local and regional contractors. Prior to joining Denark-Smith, Lucas served as Operations Manager for Welbro Constructors in Myrtle Beach, SC, and Assistant Vice President/Senior Project Manager at Rentenbach Constructors, Inc. in Knoxville. Mr. Lucas earned his Bachelors and Masters (with High Honors) degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Among the past projects in Lucas' portfolio are the \$7 million PBR Automotive facility in Knox County's Westbridge Industrial Park; the \$16 million Dana plant in Elizabethtown, Kentucky; \$10 million Daikin Drivetrain Manufacturing Plant @ Eastbridge Industrial Park; and two UT parking garages, totaling \$14 million, on Neyland Drive. Denark-Smith's \$21 million (approx.) construction management contract for the Maryville City School Board is Lucas' primary current responsibility.

Seasoned Superintendents

Five new Senior Project Field Superintendents have recently joined the Denark-Smith team as well. Included are: Rick Comer, Robert Halcomb, and John Mowery, all formerly with Blaine Construction and Rentenbach Constructors; Todd Hansen, most recently with Raymond Construction Company, Inc. of Dallas, Texas; and Eugene Jinks, who spent the last twenty years with Joseph Construction, and Suitt Construction and Rice/Cleveland Construction, in Greenville, SC. These men add over 100 years, and hundreds of millions of dollars, of construction experience to the already well stocked Denark-Smith staff team.

Denark-Smith, Inc. is a full-service general contractor with nearly a half billion dollars in commercial, institutional and industrial construction experience since its launch in 1985. As evidence of its growth, they have been named three times as one of the 25 fastest growing companies in the East Tennessee region. At present, Denark-Smith's work-in-progress, including the Sevierville/Smokies Baseball Stadium, Knoxville Convention Center, UT Burchfiel Geography Building, Maryville City Schools, etc., totals more than \$170 million.