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Midwest Public Risk Will Break Ground in August - New Sustainable Office Building in Independence -

Kansas City, MO. – Although the economy has been difficult for some area companies, Midwest Public Risk (MPR), formerly known as MARCIT, has seen substantial growth. In response to the increase in staff, members and services, MPR is breaking ground this month on a new office building in Independence, MO. The ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for **August 25th at 10:00 a.m.** at the site of their planned 15,300 square foot headquarters building - **19400 East Valley View Parkway.**

Midwest Public Risk serves over 100 local public entities in the area of risk management and employee benefits and has grown from nine members in 1983, to be the leading pool in Kansas and Missouri. The Eastland Office Park site was selected due to its highway accessibility and opportunity to create a landmark building in Independence that aligns with MPR's services and mission.

"We are excited to be locating in Eastern Jackson County in an area within 15 miles of the majority of our membership. This new headquarters building is representative of considerable growth in our membership as well as the expansion of our services into wellness and liability training," said Terry Norwood, President and CEO.

MPR will occupy the new headquarters building in summer of 2010. The facility will include training rooms, a health and wellness center for staff and members, and office space for MPR employees. MPR selected the design and construction team of SFS Architecture and A.L. Huber General Contractor to provide MPR with a facility that achieves their goals of creating a durable and timeless structure that is also highly sustainable.

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Midwest Public Risk Ground Breaking

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

10:00 a.m.

19400 E Valley View Parkway, Independence MO 64055

Media Welcome

About MPR

Midwest Public Risk, formerly known as MARCIT, is a growing family of public entities across Missouri and Kansas who believe the concept of public pooling is the answer to “best service, best price.” MPR provides all lines of coverage (Employee Benefits, Workers Compensation, Property and Liability) serving public entities such as Cities, Counties, Special Districts, Health Departments and School Districts. Representing the interests of over 100 public entities and always seeking growth, MPR serves as a trusted advisor, advocate and resource to manage their risk management and benefit needs. For more information: www.mprisk.org **MPR Media Contacts: Jason McMahon: 816-292-7533 or Melanie Matt: 816-292-7541**

About SFS

SFS Architecture is an architecture and interior design firm located in Kansas City, Missouri. Over the firm’s 35 years of practice, SFS has earned a reputation for design excellence and commitment to creating unique and exciting spaces for their clients. The wide breadth of the firm’s experience, everything from office spaces and community centers to high-tech university facilities and federal courthouses, showcases the creative design solutions the firm has created for a wide range of facilities. For more information: www.sfsarch.com **SFS Media Contact: Kate Wind 816-474-1397**

About A.L. Huber

For over a century in Kansas City, A.L. Huber has provided superior general contracting services including construction management, pre-construction services, design-build, project management, and sustainable project services. Current clients include Midwest Public Risk, Heartland Community Church, Union Carbide and Burlington Northern Santa Fe. 2008 General Contractor of the Year. For more information: www.ALHuber.com **A.L. Huber Media Contact: Lisa Stalcup 913-485-8880**

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