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**LIBERTY QUARRY'S PARENT COMPANY EARNS DESIGNATION AS
PRIME CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

Indio, California (September 16, 2005) - Granite Construction Company, Southern California Branch was named as the CALTRANS – District 11 Small Business Council, Inaugural Prime Contractor Of The Year, at an awards breakfast held at the Caltrans District office in San Diego. Granite Construction has most recently been in the news for its proposal to build Liberty Quarry, a much-needed aggregate, gravel, asphalt and concrete facility to be located in an unpopulated area of Southwest Riverside County.

The District 11 Small Business Council created this event to acknowledge Prime Contractors who are committed to helping small businesses succeed in the District 11 region and who best exemplifies the history and vision of the Small Business Council by exceeding its DBE goals on Caltrans' contracts. By identifying role models within the San Diego business community, there is a hope to increase Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise participation on Caltrans' projects. The plan is for this award to be presented annually.

Granite Construction Company's dedication to its values and codes has led to numerous awards for environmental and industrial success. This year Granite was recognized nationally by Fortune Magazine when it was named as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work for in America" and one of "America's Most Admired Companies."

In the past, Granite has also received several industry awards such as the Environmental Eagle Award, Community Involvement Awards, Quality in Construction Awards, General Contractor of the Year Award and was a finalist for an Ecological Award.

Caltrans District 11 includes the counties of San Diego and Imperial

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