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SWEETGRASS BORDER PATROL STATION BREAKING GROUND

Sunburst, MT – May 27, 2008. Through a joint partnership, the General Services Administration (GSA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and The Boyer Company are co-hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the future home of the Sweetgrass Border Patrol Station at 37 Nine Mile Road, Sunburst, Montana, May 28, 2008, at 10:30 a.m.. Expected guest speakers include Douglas Flanders, Senior Advisor to GSA's Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator, Christopher Richards, Deputy Chief Patrol Agent, Havre Sector, Gary Iverson, Sunburst Mayor, and Matt Jensen, Boyer Company Project Manager.

GSA and the Customs and Border Protection are partnering to provide a 33,000 square foot LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified facility that will house approximately 50 border patrol agents. The station is a leased facility that will be developed by The Boyer Project Company L.C. The 20-year lease contract value is approximately \$29 million. The station is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, a helipad, and a communication tower, all of which will enable the agents to effectively conduct their mission.

This ground breaking ceremony serves as an example of the positive inter-agency partnership between GSA, DHS, and CBP, where each one collectively is working for a common goal—to give America's men and women who serve on the frontline on our nation's borders the best resources and support for them to accomplish their mission.

"On behalf of our agency, I am honored to be part of this bilateral endeavor to benefit the U.S. Border Patrol, and more importantly to show our commitment to the citizens of Montana," said GSA Rocky Mountain Regional Administrator Leslie Plomondon "This new facility will serve as a reminder of the current Administration's commitment to the security of the northern border."

The President's Rapid Response Program is a significant driver in the development of the Sweetgrass U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Border Patrol. The program requires increased security of the United States' Northern and Southern borders. It mandates that 6,000 new border patrol agents be housed at new Border Patrol Stations located at strategic points along our borders. The Rapid Response completion date for these projects is December 2008.

The Boyer Company has a long history of working with the GSA. "Our development team including the general construction company of Wadsworth Builders out of Great Falls, Montana and the engineering and architectural design firm of J. Clinton Contract Services out of Circle, Montana, are honored to have the opportunity to work with the GSA on such an important project related to the security of our nation," said Matt Jensen, project manager for The Boyer Company. "The rural location of the site as well as the aggressive construction schedule creates some interesting challenges for our design and construction team. We are looking forward to developing a facility that will be a nice addition to the community of Sunburst as well as to the overall effectiveness of the Department of Homeland Security."

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