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ATHENA CONSTRUCTION GROUP ACCEPTED INTO CLARK CONSTRUCTION STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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Bethesda MD, based Clark Construction Group, LLC has accepted Athena Construction Group into its prestigious Local Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LSDBE) Strategic Partnership Program. The program is a comprehensive initiative developed by Clark Construction to supplement the capabilities of local, small, disadvantaged businesses in the Washington DC area. The program begins with a class on Building Capacity for Sustainable High Performance taught by Leonard Greenhalgh, Professor of Management at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and is followed by ten months of intensive classes covering all aspects of construction.

"We are honored and extremely grateful to be accepted into the program. We anticipate the knowledge gained from this program will further enhance the services we provide to our clients", said Amber Peebles, President and CEO of Athena Construction Group.

Further elaborating on the program Melissa Schneider, Vice President of Athena Construction Group commented "Clark's LSDBE program is an exceptional example of corporate responsibility and community support. Wes Stith, the Vice president of Purchasing for Clark is the visionary behind this program and we owe Mr. Stith and Clark Construction a debt of gratitude for this opportunity."

Founded in 1906 Clark Construction is today one of the nation's most experienced and respected providers of construction services, with over \$4 billion in annual revenue and major projects throughout the United States.

Athena Construction Group is an exclusive service-disabled veteran, woman-owned construction company with offices in Dumfries, VA and Lynchburg, VA. Athena specializes in residential renovations, light commercial buildouts and all aspects of government contracting services.