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Witness the Heartbeat – Rio Rancho City Hall Top Out Ceremony

Witness the heart as it begins to beat at the centerpiece of the Rio Ranch City Centre project. Join Mayor Kevin Jackson, City Manager Jim Palenick, and City Engineer Ken Curtis at the Rio Rancho City Hall Top-Out Ceremony.

As team members gather, Mayor Jackson and others will etch their name into perpetuity. The commemorative white steel beam will be hoisted away with the ink still wet before it is welded into place. It is at the heart of the structure – the highest piece of structural steel to be set – evident amid the existing red-colored structure. Signed, sealed, and the building is one step further on its way to delivery!

With the Sandia Mountains as a backdrop for this gleaming soon-to-be structure, one can envision the final product. Its design is unique in many ways. The extensive use of glass throughout the building makes it very energy efficient, with passive solar capabilities. The building's showpiece is a spacious 22,200 square foot sloped atrium. Then there is the building's ground source heat pump system. This thermal well system consists of two hundred 200' deep wells that will cool the building at less cost than the current building incurs, with lower maintenance costs. "This facility sets the stage for future commercial development at the City Centre", states Fred Gorenz, President of Gerald Martin General Contractor (GMGC).

As the last beam of Rio Rancho City Hall's superstructure is set in place, the project glides along schedule towards its completion date of July 2007. "Our team – the City, GMGC, and the Design Group – is excited to announce our Top-Out Ceremony being held Monday, October 25, 2006 at the Rio Rancho City Hall Job Site," says Gorenz.

Johnny Barton, GMGC Vice President and Project Manager, explains that use of the Construction Manager at Risk method gives the City of Rio Rancho greater control over the process and assures them of a predictable outcome with quality results. "The bottom line is getting the best value for your construction investment", he states. "A results-driven contractor who is experienced with these alternative methodologies can deliver exactly that", Gorenz adds.

Address: 3200 Civic Centre Circle (Main & Civic Center Circle), Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144
11:00 AM – Top-Out Ceremony Begins
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM – Beam Signing & Networking Time
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Words of Dedication & Beam Fly-Over

Established in 1974 by CEO Gerald Martin, Gerald Martin General Contractor has completed such ambitious projects as the Sandoval County Judicial Complex, Anderson –Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, Hyatt Tamaya Destination Resort, and the National Hispanic Cultural Center's Performing Arts Complex.

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