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BOLTON PRATT CELEBRATES 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

CLEVELAND – August 20, 2007 - Bolton Pratt, a northeast Ohio general contractor for the commercial, healthcare and industrial markets, is celebrating its centennial year in 2007.

Founded in 1907 by Tom Bolton, Karl Pratt and soon thereafter joined by Walter Sutliff, Sr., the firm is easily one of the regions oldest general contractor/construction management companies.

Mr. Sutliff, a graduate of MIT, was one of the early developers and pioneers of steel reinforced concrete – a construction technique still used today. Bolton Pratt incorporated early use of this new construction process in Cleveland's Marion Building on West 3rd Street, which they built in 1910.

“My grandfather was a well-known and innovative contractor in his day and his expertise and innovation has been passed on through my father and then to me,” states Walter Sutliff III, Bolton Pratt's current president.

“In the construction field, it's very rare for a company to be in business for 100 years, much less with a direct family line of succession,” explains Sutliff. “Our employees and I are very proud to continue my father's and grandfather's tradition of personal attention to each and every project.”

Mr. Sutliff and his partner, David Smik, took ownership of the company in 1982 and continue to manage it today. Together, Mr. Sutliff and Mr. Smik have over 75 years of construction experience including over 30 years each with Bolton Pratt.

Mr. Smik explains that “although Bolton Pratt is a medium sized company, we focus on high-end clients in the education, healthcare and financial office markets. With our impressive client list, reputation for personal project management and our long tradition of quality, we're confident that Bolton Pratt is well- positioned for the next 100 years.”

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Bolton Pratt is a 100 year old, Cleveland based, regional general contractor and construction manager, serving education, healthcare, industrial and financial high profile clients in Northeast Ohio. For information, call 216-674-0240 or email wsutliff@boltonpratt.com.

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