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## **SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY SELECTS CONTRACTOR FOR MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SPRING TRAINING FACILITY**

**SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY** – The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has announced the selection of a general contractor to develop and build a multi-purpose spring training facility that will house both the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies in spring 2011.

Through a selection committee, the SRPMIC has selected Mortenson Construction as the general contractor for the spring training complex, which will be built west of the Loop 101 Freeway and north of Indian Bend Road.

“Mortenson is honored and excited to work with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Arizona Diamondbacks, and the Colorado Rockies to bring a world-class spring training facility to the northeast Valley,” said Ron Wilson, general manager of Mortenson’s Phoenix office. “Mortenson has a long history of developing world-class sports facilities across the country and here in Arizona, and we look forward to working with all the project partners and owners.”

Mortenson Construction’s recent projects include Glendale’s Camelback Ranch facility, built for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox. Other Arizona projects include the All You Can Eat Seats, installation of the high-definition Daktronics scoreboard and multiple suite renovations at Chase Field; Big League Dreams Sports Park in Gilbert; ASU Weatherup Basketball Practice Facility in Tempe.

Nationally, the company’s other notable sports projects include Coors Field, Denver; FedEx Forum, Memphis; Sprint Center, Kansas City; ShoWare Center, Kent, Wash.; Downtown Louisville Arena, Louisville; Target Field, Minneapolis; University of Minnesota TCF Bank Stadium, Minneapolis; and Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul.

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“Mortenson Construction has a great breadth of experience as contractors for major sports facilities that will ensure a dynamic and top-quality project for our partners and for baseball fans that will come to our Community for spring training in 2011,” said Martin Harvier, vice president of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. “We look forward to working with them to build a spring training home for our Major League partners and to develop the very best sports facility in the Valley.”

Construction of the 11,000-seat capacity ball park will begin in coming weeks with a formal groundbreaking in the middle of November 2009. As part of its design, the spring training facility will feature 12 practice fields and office buildings with Major and Minor League clubhouses, training facilities and offices for each team.

“The construction of the complex will provide a much needed boost to the local construction economy. Mortenson anticipates the project will utilize dozens of local subcontractors and generate several thousand construction jobs,” Wilson said.

HKS Architects will design the spring training complex. Most recently, HKS and Mortenson designed and constructed Glendale’s Camelback Ranch facility for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox and HKS designed Cowboys Stadium in Dallas.

**Mortenson Background:**

Mortenson's Phoenix office was established in 2000. The office specializes in the construction of sports facilities, higher education, hospitality, commercial office, healthcare, data centers and federal, state and municipal facilities. Mortenson first entered the sports and entertainment construction market more than 20 years ago and has built nearly 100 arenas, ballparks and stadiums totaling more than \$2.5 billion. In current rankings of the top 400 contractors by Engineering News-Record, Mortenson is the third-largest sports facilities builder in the U.S.

Founded in 1954, Mortenson Construction is a U.S.-based, family-owned construction company. As one of the nation's top builders, Mortenson provides a complete range of services, including planning, program management, preconstruction, general contracting, construction management, design-build, and turn-key development. Mortenson has additional offices in Chicago, Denver, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Seattle with international operations in Canada and China.

*The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is a sovereign tribe located in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Established by Executive Order on June 14, 1879, the Community operates as a full-service government and oversees departments, programs, projects and facilities. Bounded by the cities of Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa and Fountain Hills, the Community encompasses 52,600 acres, with 19,000 held as a natural preserve. With two distinct backgrounds and cultures, the Community is comprised of two Native American tribes: the Pima, “Akimel O’Odham” (River People) and the Maricopa, “Xalychidom Piipaash” (People who live toward the water). Today, more than 8,700 individuals are enrolled tribal members. The Community proudly owns and operates several successful enterprises including Casino Arizona at Salt River, Talking Stick Golf Club, Salt River Devco, Salt River Financial Services, Saddleback Communications, Salt River Landfill, Salt River Sand & Rock and Phoenix Cement Co.*

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