Fluor Joint Venture Joins Caltrans in Celebrating the Opening of the New East Span of the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge

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IRVING, Texas--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Fluor Corporation (NYSE: FLR) announced today that the company’s joint venture with American Bridge was able to meet the seismic safety opening requirements to allow Caltrans to open the new East Span of the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge. The Bay Bridge was officially opened to traffic on Labor Day evening. The American Bridge/Fluor Joint Venture (ABFJV) was originally awarded the Self-Anchored Suspension Span of the Bay Bridge project in March of 2006.

Local, state and federal elected officials as well as representatives from the Toll Bridge Program Oversight Committee; Bay Area Toll Authority; Caltrans; Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and ABFJV spoke at the grand opening event. California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom also spoke and officiated at a chain-cutting ceremony to open the new bridge.

“We are pleased to be able to help Caltrans and the other stakeholders in the region reach this landmark event and open the new Bay Bridge. Our entire team is proud to deliver such a world class structure that will serve as a symbol for the Bay Area for decades to come,” said Steve Dobbs, Fluor’s president of the Industrial & Infrastructure Business Group.

“This seven-year project brought together a diverse team of workers who endeavored tirelessly to accomplish the single objective of delivering one of the most complex bridge projects in the world,” said Herb Morgan, business line lead for Fluor Infrastructure. “Together with our partners, our subcontractors and suppliers from many countries, we were able to accomplish this great feat and do so in a safe manner.”

ABFJV’s Self-Anchored Suspension Span (SAS) has transformed the Bay Bridge’s appearance with its unique, asymmetric design. With a full SAS span length of approximately 2,050 feet, the SAS is the largest and longest single-tower, self-anchored suspension bridge in the world. Motorists are able to enjoy a dramatic view of the Bay Area’s landscape while driving under an angled canopy of suspension cables.

The SAS structure also includes a single, white, 525-foot-tall steel tower. The bridge’s roadways, which were previously configured as upper and lower decks on the original East Span, are now built as two, side-by-side roadways with five lanes each. The new span also features a cantilevered bicycle/pedestrian path on the eastbound (south) side of the bridge. All elements of the SAS, including the tower, piers, color and lighting, emphasize the bridge’s elegant, futuristic appearance. Approximately 280,000 vehicles travel across the Bay Bridge on a daily basis and some 100 million vehicles per year.

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