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## Mitchell Contractors Completes Carquest® Auto Parts Retail Build Out

### *Client needs addressed in tenant improvement project*

(VASHON, WA) January 16, 2014 -- Mitchell Contractors Inc., a 32-year-old general contracting firm, recently handed over the keys to another fast-track retail build-out for Carquest Auto Parts.

Located at 7818 South 212<sup>th</sup> St, in Kent, WA, the 13,000 sq. ft. Carquest retail and support property required a complete renovation with substantial tenant changes within a very tight four-week window of opportunity. The \$225,000 project was a perfect fit for Mitchell Contractors because of its broad experience in fast-track tenant improvements.

Carquest Auto Parts is owned and operated by Advance Auto Parts, Inc., of Roanoke, VA, the largest automotive aftermarket parts provider in North America with more than 5,000 retail stores nationwide. Advance also serves approximately 1,350 independently owned Carquest stores in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Canada.

“Our Carquest construction manager was located in St. Louis, MO and required long-range monitoring during the construction process with weekly inspections plus a rigid completion timeline,” said Jim Whitney, Mitchell Contractors’ project manager.

“Throughout the Carquest project, there was a continuous schedule of approvals and conditions. This required techniques and methods that are common to the construction industry. But, this project needed a strict adherence to the design-build process and Carquest specifications. Customers and staff needed to be kept abreast of the process of moving merchandise in while the construction schedule stayed on track,” Merrill Jannison, VP for sales and marketing, said.

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“Everything happened on time and within budget,” Whitney reported. “What’s more, on the day of handing over the keys, the client reported a high degree of satisfaction with the quality of Mitchell Contractors’ work. Further, he was pleased with the firm’s ability to keep such an extensive project within budget and delivered on time.”

Carquest has four retail locations in the Seattle area. The auto parts firm offers a wide range of parts, accessories and aftermarket items for cars, trucks and SUVs. It services both the do-it-yourself and professional-installer markets.

“With our years of specialized experience in the retail tenant-improvement sector, we made a lengthy process as expeditious as possible. Field employees were screened for security, given background checks and trained to meet expectations. Adding our exemplary safety standards and history, the process ensured an easy transition for the client. We all worked together to minimize any delays. The store opened on time,” Jannison said.

**About Mitchell Contractors, Inc.**

Mitchell Contractors was founded on by Ron Mitchell in 1982 and incorporated in 1996 on Vashon Island. Still at the helm as its CEO, Mitchell guides the firm through a wide range of construction projects in Washington State. They include residential, commercial, tenant improvements, design-build and industrial projects with specialization in catastrophic-loss, senior-living and tenant-improvement projects. Extensive experience and reliability has granted them entrée as the “go-to” general contractor in these areas. Contact the firm at 206-463-5838, email: [Merrill@MitchellContractors.com](mailto:Merrill@MitchellContractors.com) or visit the website at [www.mitchellcontractors.com](http://www.mitchellcontractors.com)

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