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Mitchell Contractors Successfully Completes Four Freedoms House Renovation

Major \$7-million HUD project arrives on time and on budget

(VASHON, WA) November 20, 2014 --Mitchell Contractors Inc., a 32-year old general contracting firm, has completed a massive, yearlong rehabilitation project at the Four Freedoms House of Seattle and the Henry M. Jackson Apartments operated by Prudent Properties of Miami, FL.

Built in 1963, the Four Freedoms House complex has been home to low-income seniors for more than 50 years. The newer Henry M. Jackson building, constructed in 1982, completes the senior housing facility of 372 total units, situated on a 6-acre site on scenic Bitter Lake. This property, even though well maintained, is typical of older, senior developments and was overdue for structural and cosmetic upgrades.

Included in the extensive renovation were seismic retrofits, kitchen and bathroom upgrades, a complete renovation of public spaces and offices as well as refurbishing the parking garage, parking lots, roofs and building façade. An additional feature is a new public transportation stop designed for the elderly residents.

This Four Freedoms project was more than five years in the making and required construction work be completed while the facility was occupied. Funding and approval was obtained through a Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-backed loan that required continuous governmental oversight during the approval and reconstruction process with monthly inspections plus a rigid completion timeline.

“Throughout the Four Freedoms project, there was a continuous schedule of approvals and changing conditions. This required setting standards that are unique to the construction industry. Tenants needed to be informed, safe and comfortable while the intense construction schedule stayed on track,” said Merrill Jannison, VP for sales & marketing.

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“All milestones were passed with flying colors. What’s more, at the time of completion, the HUD site inspector reported that he was very impressed with the quality of Mitchell Contractors’ workmanship. Further, he was pleased with the firm’s ability to keep such an extensive project within budget and delivered on time,” Jannison added.

Residents at Four Freedoms House are ready for life to return to normal. In the October Four Freedoms newsletter, residents were encouraged to enjoy their “bright new appearance of the property” and “as the new shines through...take pride in the results. This is your home, show it off!”

Life at Four Freedoms is surrounded by delightful resident-tended gardens. The senior complex offers comfortable studio and one-bedroom apartments in a community environment enhanced with a newly remodeled onsite dining facility.

“With our years of specialized experience in the senior housing market, we made a lengthy process as painless as possible. All field employees were screened for security, given background checks and trained to work with mobility-challenged, mature adults. Adding our exemplary safety standards and history, the process ensured an easy transition for the residents. We all worked together to minimize any disruption and sweeten life on Bitter Lake,” 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 and senior-living 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 or visit the website at www.mitchellcontractors.com

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