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INITIAL PHASES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ANTHEM VETERAN MEMORIAL COMPLETE
Geotechnical Survey Shows Soil Favorable to Build, Permit Process on Track

ANTHEM, ARIZ., June 9, 2010 - Before any construction may begin on the Anthem Veterans Memorial, Maricopa County permits and a geotechnical survey are required. The Anthem Veterans Memorial (AVM) Planning Committee is pleased to announce the permit process progresses positively and the geotechnical survey is complete.

RAMM & Associates, a Tempe-based geotechnical engineering and testing firm, obtained soil samples from the Anthem Community Park site where the Anthem Veterans Memorial will be constructed. According to Drew Schirmer, RAMM field geologist, "RAMM evaluates the stability of the soil to make sure it can support the monument." Laboratory tests determine soil density, composition, swell, collapse potential, plasticity and moisture density. Drilling to a depth of 10 feet, layers of underground soil samples were collected and analyzed in the firm's laboratory.

RAMM's laboratory results and recommendations were provided in a geotechnical report to the Anthem Community Council. The results indicated the soil is favorable for construction of the Memorial at the selected location.

A pre-application permit meeting took place on June 8. In attendance were representatives from Maricopa County Planning and Development, Flood Control, Department of Transportation, Environmental Services Department and Storm Water Quality. Jim Martin, AVM civil engineer, and Frank Young, Anthem Community Council parks and maintenance director, were also present at the meeting.

After a review of the AVM materials and preliminary engineering drawings, the County department representatives directed the AVM Planning Committee to move into the final phase of the permitting process, which is submittal of the Commercial Permit Application and necessary documents.

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Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2011, and the Opening Ceremony will be on November 11, 2011.

Commemorative Veterans pavers and pavers listing the names of Friends, Businesses and Organizations continue to be sold to offset the costs associated with the Memorial. For more information, to donate to the Memorial, or to purchase a commemorative paver, go to www.OnlineAtAnthem.com and click on Veterans Memorial.

About Anthem

Anthem is a master-planned community located in Maricopa County, Arizona. The Anthem Community Council, Inc. serves as a unifying entity for the Anthem development. The mission of the Anthem Community Council, Inc. is to make Anthem the most desirable community in which to live, play, work and do business.

About the Anthem Veterans Memorial

The Anthem Veterans Memorial, a project of the Anthem Community Council, will be constructed in the Anthem Community Park. The Memorial will open November 11, 2011. The five pillars, symbolizing the five branches of the Armed Forces, are designed with elliptical openings. At 11:11 a.m. on Veterans Day, the sun will pass through the openings to illuminate a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States. Donations and paver sales will offset the costs associated with the Memorial.

About RAMM

Ricker, Atkinson, McBee, Morman & Associates is a full-service geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing firm headquartered in Tempe, Arizona. The firm was incorporated in the State of Arizona in 1994. RAMM, Inc. is owned and operated by senior level professionals who have worked for many years in the state of Arizona.

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GeoTechDrilling: A RAMM & Associates operator drills into the ground at the Anthem Veterans Memorial site to collect soil for testing in the firm's laboratory. *Photograph courtesy of Mike Spinelli, Spinelli Photography.*