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WCF New Corporate Headquarters Preparing for the Future

SALT LAKE CITY, January 13, 2010—In order to ensure continued operation in the event of a disaster, WCF will finish construction on their new corporate headquarters this summer. Located at 100 West Towne Ridge Parkway (9700 South), the new facility features advanced environmental and operational efficiencies.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 resulted in the largest single workers compensation event in insurance history. While many view those attacks as a worst-case scenario, insurance industry experts agree that there are numerous natural and man-made events that could cause significantly higher casualties and injuries.

WCF, the state's largest workers' compensation insurance carrier, recognizes the critical role they would play for thousands of Utahns in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophe. "When a major disaster happens, we need to be there for our policyholders. If a calamity hits between 8 AM and 5 PM, more than half of Utah's population will be at work. It's our responsibility to help take care of people who are injured at work during the event," said Ray Pickup, president and CEO of WCF.

"Careful thought and study has gone into the decision for a new building. As a company that cares for thousands of injured workers, we are among those critical, front-line businesses that must do everything possible to continue operations in the event of a natural disaster or similar emergency. With all its innovative structural elements, this new building will help us to maintain operation in times of crisis."

The primary objectives for the new facility are:

1. To ensure continued operation in the event of a disaster
2. To provide improved safety and security for WCF employees
3. To create a more productive work environment for WCF employees
4. To provide improved training facilities for WCF policyholders
5. To utilize sustainable building practices, promote operational efficiency, and implement environmentally responsible initiatives

"We are excited that this new building will help us better serve our policyholders, and that its 'green' modifications will help the environment. Policyholders have been pleased that our opportunity to build comes at a time when WCF has lowered premiums for the third year in a row, and we have awarded dividends for 17 consecutive years." added Pickup.

About WCF –Salt Lake City-based Workers Compensation Fund is Utah's premier workers' compensation insurance provider, promoting workplace safety to more than 24,000 Utah companies. Established in 1917, WCF is owned by its policyholders and governed by a board of

directors. WCF offers its customers a variety of services including safety and loss control, claims administration, medical case management, vocational rehabilitation, and fraud investigations. WCF is rated A (Excellent) by the A.M. Best Company.