

# Construction Partners, Inc. Announces Fiscal 2022 Fourth Quarter and Year-End Results

Revenue Up 43%, Net Income Up 6%, Adjusted EBITDA Up 23%, Compared to FY2021

Q4 Adjusted EBITDA Up 45% Compared to Q4 FY2021

Company Reports Record Backlog of \$1.41 Billion

Announces FY2023 Outlook Ranges

DOTHAN, Ala., Nov. 22, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Construction Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: ROAD) ("CPI" or the "Company"), a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company specializing in the construction and maintenance of roadways across six southeastern states, today reported financial and operating results for the fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2022.

Fred J. (Jule) Smith, III, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased with our fiscal year-end and fourth guarter results, both of which represented significant revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth year-over-year. A robust project demand environment drove top-line growth, while our steady increase in project bidding margins helped drive higher profitability even as we continue to combat rising inflation and supply chain disruptions. In fiscal 2022, we achieved record revenue of \$1.3 billion, up 43 percent compared to last year, and we reported record Adjusted EBITDA of \$111.2 million, up 23 percent compared to last year. In addition, we are pleased with the mix of growth for the year, which consisted of approximately 24 percent organic revenue and approximately 19 percent from recent acquisitions. In the fourth guarter, revenue grew 41 percent to a record \$393.1 million, and Adjusted EBITDA was a record \$39.4 million, an increase of 45 percent compared to the same quarter last year. The growth we are experiencing is supported by healthy funding programs at the state and federal levels, as well as a continued vibrant commercial market throughout our geographic footprint. During the year, we also further expanded our Company into new growth markets through a platform acquisition and bolt-on acquisitions and the addition of a new greenfield. These results reflect the hard work and dedication of 3,800 CPI employees, and their focus on job site safety and operational excellence every day. I especially want to thank our employees in the three states that Hurricane Ian impacted during the last week of our fiscal year for their dedication in preparing for the storm and protecting lives and property in their communities."

Fiscal 2022 revenues were \$1.30 billion, an increase of 43% compared to \$910.7 million for fiscal 2021. Gross profit was \$139.3 million in fiscal 2022, compared to \$119.9 million in fiscal 2021.

General and administrative expenses were \$107.6 million for fiscal 2022, compared to \$91.9 million in fiscal 2021. General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenue in fiscal 2022 were 8.3%, compared to 10.1% in fiscal 2021.

Net income was \$21.4 million for fiscal 2022, an increase of 5.9% compared to net income of \$20.2 million in fiscal 2021.

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> for fiscal 2022 was \$111.2 million, an increase of 22.7% compared to \$90.6 million in fiscal 2021.

Project backlog was \$1.41 billion at September 30, 2022, compared to \$966 million at September 30, 2021 and \$1.33 billion at June 30, 2022.

Smith continued, "We ended fiscal 2022 with the highest project backlog in the Company's history at \$1.41 billion while growing our backlog margin throughout the year. We anticipate that as this backlog is converted, we will realize a steady increase to higher future profit margins. Today we are introducing our fiscal year 2023 outlook that reflects confidence in the continuation of solid growth supported by strong customer demand and project funding, even as we will continue to battle the uncertainty of supply chain disruptions still present in the economy."

## Fiscal Year 2023 Outlook

The Company's outlook for fiscal year 2023 with regard to revenue, net income and Adjusted EBITDA is as follows:

- Revenue in the range of \$1.40 billion to \$1.55 billion
- Net income in the range of \$24.6 million to \$38.4 million
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup> in the range of \$135.0 million to \$160.0 million

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjusted EBITDA is a financial measure not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Please see "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures" at the end of this press release.

Ned N. Fleming, III, the Company's Executive Chairman, stated, "We are pleased to finish the year with strong revenue and Adjusted EBITDA growth while reporting the highest project backlog in the Company's history, both in terms of total value and as a percentage of work on backlog to be completed in the next twelve months. CPI's strategic business model is resilient, and as we have for more than 20 years, we continue to pursue recurring infrastructure repair and maintenance projects, generating sustainable and profitable growth. CPI is also a consolidator in a fragmented space, where family succession planning and market dynamics remain tailwinds for acquisition opportunities to expand our footprint and grow relative market share. CPI's fiscal 2023 outlook represents another strong year of growth, and we are bullish about the future of CPI as we continue to build value for all of our stakeholders."

### **Conference Call**

The Company will conduct a conference call today at 9:00 a.m. Central Time to discuss financial and operating results for the quarter ended September 30, 2022. To access the call live by phone, dial (412) 902-0003 and ask for the Construction Partners call at least 10 minutes prior to the start time. A telephonic replay will be available through November 29,

2022 by calling (201) 612-7415 and using passcode ID: 13733582#. A webcast of the call will also be available live and for later replay on the Company's Investor Relations website at <u>www.constructionpartners.net</u>.

### About Construction Partners, Inc.

Construction Partners, Inc. is a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company operating across six southeastern states. Supported by its hot-mix asphalt plants, aggregate facilities and liquid asphalt terminal, the company focuses on the construction, repair and maintenance of surface infrastructure. Publicly funded projects make up the majority of its business and include local and state roadways, interstate highways, airport runways and bridges. The company also performs private sector projects that include paving and sitework for office and industrial parks, shopping centers, local businesses and residential developments. To learn more, visit <u>www.constructionpartners.net</u>.

## **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained herein that are not statements of historical or current fact constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "should," "anticipate," "intend," "project," "outlook," "believe" and "plan." The forward-looking statements contained in this press release include, without limitation, statements related to financial projections, future events, business strategy, future performance, future operations, backlog, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management. These and other forwardlooking statements are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect expected results. Important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements, including, among others: our ability to successfully manage and integrate acquisitions; failure to realize the expected economic benefits of acquisitions, including future levels of revenues being lower than expected and costs being higher than expected: failure or inability to implement growth strategies in a timely manner; declines in public infrastructure construction and reductions in government funding, including the funding by transportation authorities and other state and local agencies; risks related to our operating strategy; competition for projects in our local markets; risks associated with our capitalintensive business; government requirements and initiatives, including those related to funding for public or infrastructure construction, land usage and environmental, health and safety matters; unfavorable economic conditions and restrictive financing markets; our ability to obtain sufficient bonding capacity to undertake certain projects; our ability to accurately estimate the overall risks, requirements or costs when we bid on or negotiate contracts that are ultimately awarded to us; the cancellation of a significant number of contracts or our disgualification from bidding for new contracts; risks related to adverse weather conditions; our substantial indebtedness and the restrictions imposed on us by the terms thereof; our ability to maintain favorable relationships with third parties that supply us with equipment and essential supplies; our ability to retain key personnel and maintain satisfactory labor relations; property damage, results of litigation and other claims and insurance coverage issues; risks related to our information technology systems and infrastructure; our ability to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting; and the risks, uncertainties and factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form

10-K and its subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, subsequent events, or circumstances or other changes affecting such statements except to the extent required by applicable law.

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#### Construction Partners, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			For the Fiscal Yea				
	2	022	202	1	2022	-		2021
				\$		\$		
Revenues	\$3	93,053	279	,042	1,301,6	74	\$	910,739
Cost of revenues	3	43,462	244	,389	1,162,3			790,803
Gross profit		49,591	34	,653	139,3	02		119,936
General and administrative expenses	(:	31,032)	(24	,124)	(107,5			(91,878)
Gain on sale of equipment, net		1,885		866	3,6			2,043
Operating income		20,444	11	,395	35,4	13		30,101
Interest expense, net		(3,524)	(1	,070)	(7,7	01)		(2,404)
Other income		263		158	6	00		819
Income before provision for income taxes and earnings from investment								
in joint venture		17,183	10	,483	28,3	12		28,516
Provision for income taxes		4,047	2	2,582	6,9	15		8,349
Earnings (loss) from investment in joint venture		(21)		_		21)		10
			\$		\$			
Net income	\$	13,115	7	,901	21,3	76	\$	20,177
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax								
Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swap contract, net		9,337		(23)	18,0	91		(23)
Unrealized (loss) on restricted investments, net		(172)				18)		—
Other comprehensive income (loss)		9,165		(23)	17,6	43		(23)
			\$		\$			
Comprehensive income	\$	22,280	7	,878	39,0	19	\$	20,154
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:								
		\$	\$		\$			\$
Basic		0.25		0.15	0.	41		0.39
		\$	\$		\$			\$
Diluted		0.25		0.15	0.	41		0.39
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic	51,8	07,734	51,686	,846	51,773,5	59	51	,636,955
Diluted		27,267	51,916	.042	51,957,4			,773,213

### Construction Partners, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Septem	
	2022	2021
ASSETS Current assets:		
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	35,531	57,251
Restricted cash	28	
Contracts receivable including retainage, net Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	265,207 29,271	158,170 23,023
Inventories	74,195	23,023 53,792
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12,957	7,790
Total current assets	417,189	300,026
Property, plant and equipment, net	481,412	404,832
Operating lease right-of-use assets	13,985	6,535
Goodwill	129,465 15,976	85,422 4,163
Intangible assets, net Investment in joint venture	87	4,103
Restricted investments	6,866	
Other assets	30,541	5,534
	\$	\$
Total assets	1,095,521	806,620
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:	\$	\$
Accounts payable	پ 130,468	پ 86,390
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	52,477	33,719
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	2,209	1,395
Current maturities of long-term debt	12,500	10,000
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	28,484	26,459
Total current liabilities Long-term liabilities:	226,138	157,963
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and debt issuance costs	363,066	206,175
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	12,059	5,302
Deferred income taxes, net	26,713	17,362
Other long-term liabilities	11,666	10,919
Total long-term liabilities	413,504	239,758
Total liabilities	639,642	397,721
Commitments and contingencies Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001; 10,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2022 and September 30,		
2021 and no shares issued and outstanding	_	_
Class A common stock, par value \$0.001; 400,000,000 shares authorized, 41,195,730 shares issued and		
41,193,024 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022, and 36,600,639 shares issued and outstanding at	14	07
September 30, 2021 Class B common stock, par value \$0.001; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 14,275,867 shares issued and	41	37
11,352,915 shares outstanding at September 30, 2022, and 18,614,791 shares issued and 15,691,839 shares		
outstanding at September 30, 2021	15	19
Additional paid-in capital	256,571	248,571
Treasury stock, at cost, 2,706 shares of Class A common stock at September 30, 2022, and no shares at	(22)	
September 30, 2021, par value \$0.001	(39)	(15 602)
Treasury stock, at cost, 2,922,952 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(15,603) 17,620	(15,603) (23)
Retained earnings	197,274	175,898
Total stockholders' equity	455,879	408,899
	\$	\$
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	1,095,521	806,620

#### Construction Partners, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

	For the Fiscal Year Ende September 30,			
		2022		2021
Cash flows from operating activities:	\$	21.276	¢	20 177
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	Φ	21,376	φ	20,177
		65 720		10 906
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization		65,730		49,806
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs		216		275
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments		(382)		(3,209)
Provision for bad debt		(947)		784
Gain on sale of equipment		(3,673)		(2,043)
Equity-based compensation expense		8,000		3,549
Loss (earnings) from investment in joint venture		21		(10)
Distribution of earnings from investment in joint venture				100
Deferred income taxes		5,966		3,745
Other non-cash adjustments		40		(46)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Contracts receivable including retainage		(97,075)		(27,074)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		(6,123)		(15,150)
Inventories		(17,513)		(3,932)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(4,912)		(1,759)
Other assets		(955)		(2,928)
Accounts payable		41,319		20,201
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		15,635		15
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(11,559)		3,848
Other long-term liabilities		1,334		2,151
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions		16,498		48,500
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(68,851)		(56,332)
Proceeds from sale of equipment		7,525		3,654
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(128,568)		(210,734)
Purchase of restricted investments		(7,432)		_
Return of investment in joint venture		—		—
Net cash used in investing activities		(197,326)		(263,412)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs and discount		167,300		219,197
Principal payments of long-term debt		(8,125)		(95,350)
Purchase of treasury stock		(39)		
Net cash provided by financing activities		159,136		123,847
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(21,692)		(91,065)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:				
Beginning of year		57,251		148,316
End of year	\$	35,559	\$	57,251
Supplemental cash flow information:				
Cash paid for interest	\$	9,289	\$	3,197
Cash paid for income taxes	э \$	9,289 1,372	գ \$	6,218
Cash paid for operating lease liabilities	э \$	2,396	գ Տ	2,532
Non-cash items:	φ	2,390	φ	2,002
	¢	9,629	¢	2,338
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities		9,629 2,587	\$ \$	2,330 3,408
Property, plant and equipment financed with accounts payable	\$ \$	2,567	э \$	3,408 1,457
Amounts payable to sellers in business combinations Non-compete agreements to seller in business combination	ъ \$	004	ֆ \$	1,457
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### **Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before, as applicable from time to time, (i) interest expense, net, (ii) provision (benefit) for income taxes, (iii) depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization, (iv) equity-based compensation expense, (v) loss on the extinguishment of debt, (vi) certain management fees and expenses and (vii) nonrecurring legal settlement costs and associated legal expenses unrelated to the Company's core operations. Adjusted EBITDA is a supplemental measure of our operating performance that is neither required by,

nor presented in accordance with, GAAP. This measure has limitations as an analytical tool and should not be considered in isolation or as an alternative to net income or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of our operating performance. We present Adjusted EBITDA because management uses this measure as a key performance indicator, and we believe that securities analysts, investors and others use this measure to evaluate companies in our industry. Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly named measures reported by other companies. Potential differences may include differences in capital structures, tax positions and the age and book depreciation of intangible and tangible assets.

The following tables present a reconciliation of net income, the most directly comparable measure calculated in accordance with GAAP, to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented:

Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands)

		Fiscal Year eptember 30,			
	 2022		2021		
Net income	\$ 21,376	\$	20,177		
Interest expense, net	7,701		2,404		
Provision for income taxes	6,915		8,349		
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	65,730		49,806		
Equity-based compensation expense	8,000		3,549		
Management fees and expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	1,451		1,935		
Settlement of legal claim and associated legal expenses (2)	_		4,362		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 111,173	\$	90,582		

(1) Reflects fees and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses under a management services agreement with an affiliate of SunTx Capital Partners, the Company's controlling stockholder.

(2) Reflects a \$3.2 million legal settlement and associated legal expenses unrelated to the Company's core operations.

#### Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Three Months Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021 (unaudited, in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,						
		2022		2021			
Net income	\$	13,155	\$	7,901			
Interest expense, net		3,524		1,070			
Provision for income taxes		4,047		2,582			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization		15,439		13,795			
Equity-based compensation expense		2,906		1,347			
Management fees and expenses <sup>(1)</sup>		322		385			
Settlement of legal claim and associated legal expenses (2)		_		(4)			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	39,353	\$	27,076			

(1) Reflects fees and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses under a management services agreement with an affiliate of SunTx Capital Partners, the Company's controlling stockholder.

(2) Reflects expenses associated with a legal settlement unrelated to the Company's core operations.

#### Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Fiscal Year 2023 Outlook (unaudited, in thousands)

For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2023				
Low			High	
\$	24,600	\$	38,400	
	17,400		19,500	
	8,300		12,900	
	74,700		79,200	
	8,300		8,300	
	1,700		1,700	
\$	135,000	\$	160,000	
		Septembe   Low   \$ 24,600   17,400   8,300   74,700   8,300   1,700	September 30   Low   \$ 24,600 \$   17,400   8,300   74,700   8,300   17,700	

(1) Reflects fees and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses under a management services agreement with an affiliate of SunTx Capital Partners, the Company's controlling stockholder.

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