

Construction Partners, Inc. Announces Fiscal 2024 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Results

Revenue Up 17% Compared to FY23
Net Income Up 41% Compared to FY23
Adjusted EBITDA Up 28% Compared to FY23
Record Backlog of \$1.96 Billion

DOTHAN, Ala., Nov. 21, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Construction Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: ROAD) ("CPI" or the "Company"), a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company specializing in the construction and maintenance of roadways in local markets throughout the Sunbelt, today reported financial and operating results for the fiscal quarter and year ended September 30, 2024.

Fred J. (Jule) Smith, III, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased to report significant growth in fiscal year 2024, led by the strong operational performance of our family of companies throughout the Sunbelt. We are proud of the contributions from our more than 5,000 employees that helped deliver a record fiscal year and generated revenue growth of 17%, net income growth of 41%, and Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ growth of 28% compared to fiscal 2023, including Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽¹⁾ of 12.1% for fiscal 2024. In addition, we completed eight acquisitions in fiscal 2024 that expanded our geographic footprint into new growth markets and enhanced CPI's relative market share across our Sunbelt states."

Fiscal 2024 revenues were \$1.82 billion, an increase of 17% compared to \$1.56 billion in fiscal 2023. Fourth quarter revenues were \$538.2 million, an increase of 13% compared to \$475.0 million in the fourth quarter last year.

Gross profit was \$258.3 million in fiscal 2024, an increase of 32% compared to \$196.4 million in fiscal 2023. Gross profit for the fourth quarter was \$84.1 million, an increase of 11% compared to \$75.5 million in the fourth quarter last year.

General and administrative expenses were \$151.5 million for fiscal 2024, or 8.3% of total revenue, compared to \$126.9 million, or 8.1% of total revenue, in fiscal 2023. Fourth quarter general and administrative expenses were \$39.8 million, compared to \$33.0 million in the fourth quarter last year, and as a percentage of total revenue, 7.4% and 6.9%, respectively.

Net income was \$68.9 million for fiscal 2024, an increase of 41% compared to net income of \$49.0 million in fiscal 2023. Fourth quarter net income was \$29.3 million, a decrease of 5.2% compared to net income of \$30.9 million in the fourth quarter last year.

Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ for fiscal 2024 was \$220.6 million, an increase of 28% compared to

\$172.6 million in fiscal 2023. Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽¹⁾ in fiscal 2024 was 12.1%, compared to 11.0% in fiscal 2023. Fourth quarter Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ was \$77.0 million, an increase of 11.8% compared to \$68.9 million in the fourth quarter last year. Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽¹⁾ in the fourth quarter was 14.3%, compared to 14.5% in the fourth quarter last year.

Project backlog was \$1.96 billion at September 30, 2024, compared to \$1.60 billion at September 30, 2023 and \$1.86 billion at June 30, 2024.

Smith added, "Earlier this month, we acquired Lone Star Paving, our new platform company in Texas. Lone Star is an excellent company with an outstanding management team operating in three of the fastest growth metro areas in the country. We are pleased to welcome Lone Star into the CPI family of companies. They uniquely fit our culture with a shared commitment to safety, operational excellence, employee advancement and smart vertical integration initiatives.

"In fiscal 2025, we continue to project growth and enhanced profitability, supported by eleven months of Lone Star's contribution in our fiscal year. The addition of Lone Star positions CPI to accelerate our ROAD-Map 2027 strategy and to deliver long-term value to our investors and other stakeholders."

Fiscal 2025 Outlook

As previously announced, CPI's outlook for fiscal 2025 with regard to revenue, net income, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin is as follows:

- Revenue in the range of \$2.48 billion to \$2.58 billion
- Net income in the range of \$97 million to \$113 million
- Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ in the range of \$347 million to \$377 million
- Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽¹⁾ in the range of 14.0% to 14.6%

Ned N. Fleming, III, the Company's Executive Chairman, stated, "We are excited to enter Texas with an outstanding company like Lone Star. This transformational acquisition exemplifies the CPI growth strategy of partnering with experienced local operators who know how to build and operate great companies that we can further support within our larger organization. Moving forward, we will continue to benefit from opportunities afforded by a generational investment in infrastructure, the fast-growing economies in the Sunbelt, and numerous organic and acquisitive growth opportunities to scale our organization and deliver value to our stockholders."

Conference Call

The Company will conduct a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. Central Time) to discuss financial and operating results for the fiscal quarter and year ended September 30, 2024. 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 28, 2024 by calling (201) 612-7415 and using passcode ID: 13748361#. A webcast of the call will also be available live and for later replay on the Company's Investor Relations website at www.constructionpartners.net.

About Construction Partners, Inc.

Construction Partners, Inc. is a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company operating in local markets throughout the Sunbelt in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Supported by its hot-mix asphalt plants, aggregate facilities and liquid asphalt terminals, CPI 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 www.constructionpartners.net.

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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 disqualification 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)

	F	For the Three Months Ended September 30,				al Year Ended nber 30,		
		2024		2023		2024		2023
Revenues	\$	538,163	\$	475,026	\$	1,823,889	\$	1,563,548
Cost of revenues		454,082		399,489		1,565,635		1,367,163
Gross profit		84,081		75,537		258,254		196,385
General and administrative expenses		(39,836)		(33,002)		(151,497)		(126,947
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment		1,523		2,223		4,483		7,048
Gain on facility exchange		_		_		_		5,389
Operating income		45,768		44,758		111,240		81,875
Interest expense, net		(6,084)		(3,545)		(19,071)		(17,346)
Other (expense) income		(117)		(50)		(70)		875
Income before provision for income taxes and								
earnings from investment in joint venture		39,567		41,163		92,099		65,404
Provision for income taxes		10,256		10,250		23,161		16,403
Loss from investment in joint venture		(3)		_		(3)		_
Net income	\$	29,308	\$	30,913	\$	68,935	\$	49,001
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax		_		_		_		
Unrealized (loss) gain on interest rate swap contract, net		(6,722)		1,922		(11,889)		1,297
Unrealized gain (loss) on restricted investments, net		418		(211)		697		(223)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net		(6,304)		1,711	-	(11,192)		1,074
Comprehensive income	\$	23,004	\$	32,624	\$	57,743	\$	50,075
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:								
Basic	\$	0.57	\$	0.60	\$	1.33	\$	0.95
Diluted	\$	0.56	\$	0.59	\$	1.31	\$	0.94
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic		51,792,183		51,828,257		51,883,760		51,827,001
Diluted		52,590,344		52,406,501		52,574,503		52,260,206

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin are financial measures 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.

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

	Septem			nber 30,		
		2024		2023		
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
		\$				
Cash and cash equivalents		74,686	\$	48,243		
Restricted cash		1,998		837		
Contracts receivable including retainage, net		350,811		303,704		
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		25,966		27,296		
Inventories		106,704		84,038		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		24,841 585,006		9,306		
Total current assets		303,000		473,424		
Property, plant and equipment, net		629,924		505,095		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		38,932		14,485		
Goodwill		231,656		159,270		
Intangible assets, net		20,549		19,520		
Investment in joint venture		84		87		
Restricted investments		18,020		15,079		
Other assets		17,964		32,705		
Total assets	\$	1,542,135	\$	1,219,665		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	_		_			
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	182,572	\$	151,406		
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	•	120,065	·	78,905		
Current portion of operating lease liabilities		9,065		2,338		
Current maturities of long-term debt		26,563		15,000		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		42,189		31,534		
Total current liabilities		380,454		279,183		
Long-term liabilities:						
Long-term debt, net of current maturities and deferred debt issuance costs		486,961		360,740		
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion		30,661		12,649		
Deferred income taxes, net		53,852		37,121		
Other long-term liabilities		16,467		13,398		
Total long-term liabilities		587,941		423,908		
Total liabilities		968,395		703,091		
Commitments and contingencies						
Stockholders' Equity:						
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001; 10,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2024 and						
September 30, 2023 and no shares issued and outstanding Class A common stock, par value \$0.001; 400,000,000 shares authorized, 44,062,830 shares issued		_		_		
and 43,819,102 shares outstanding at September 30, 2024, and 43,760,546 shares issued and						
43,727,680 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023		44		44		
Class B common stock, par value \$0.001; 100,000,000 shares authorized, 11,784,650 shares issued						
and 8,861,698 shares outstanding at September 30, 2024, and 11,921,463 shares issued and						
8,998,511 shares outstanding at September 30, 2023		12		12		
Additional paid-in capital		278,065		267,330		
Treasury stock, Class A common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 243,728 shares at September 30, 2024, and 22,866 shares at September 30, 2024.		(11 400)		(170)		
2024, and 32,866 shares at September 30, 2023 Trassury stock, Class B common stock, par value \$0,001, at cost, 2,922,952 shares at September.		(11,490)		(178)		
Treasury stock, Class B common stock, par value \$0.001, at cost, 2,922,952 shares at September 30,						
2024 and 2023		(15,603)		(15,603)		
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net		7,502		18,694		
Retained earnings		315,210		246,275		
Total stockholders' equity		573,740		516,574		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,542,135	\$	1,219,665		
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Construction Partners, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands)

		For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
		2024		2023
Cash flows from operating activities:	-		-	
Net income	\$	68,935	\$	49,001
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	:			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization		92,920		79,100
Amortization of deferred debt issuance costs		362		299
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments		184		342
Provision (recovery) for bad debt		491		456
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment		(4,483)		(7,048)
Gain on facility exchange		_		(5,389)
Realized losses on restricted investments		53		30
Share-based compensation expense		14,412		10,759
Loss (earnings) from investment in joint venture		3		_
Deferred income taxes		22,681		11,165
Other non-cash adjustments		(300)		(263)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Contracts receivable including retainage		(6,627)		(25,961)
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts		5,531		2,573
Inventories		(15,480)		(7,320)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		(13,015)		3,650
Other assets		(522)		(129)
Accounts payable		13,433		17,220
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts		24,869		24,099
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		4,828		2,340
Other long-term liabilities		804		2,233
Net cash provided by operating activities, net of acquisitions		209,079		157,157
Cash flows from investing activities:		-		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(87,930)		(97,810)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		14,059		17,698
Proceeds from facility exchange		_		36,987
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(231,777)		(91,787)
Proceeds from the sale of restricted investments		3,553		2,900
Purchases of restricted investments		(5,490)		(11,360)
Net cash used in investing activities		(307,585)		(143,372)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs		210,235		103,000
Principal payments of long-term debt		(72,813)		(103,125)
Purchase of treasury stock		(11,312)		(139)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		126,110		(264)
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		27,604		13,521
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:				
Beginning of year		49,080		35,559
End of year	\$	76,684	\$	49,080
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Supplemental cash flow information:	•	04.000	•	10.157
Cash paid for interest	\$	21,680	\$	19,157
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	5,447	\$	1,009
Cash paid for operating lease liabilities	\$	6,874	\$	3,029
Non-cash items:				
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$	29,097	\$	3,109
Property, plant and equipment financed with accounts payable	\$	7,227	\$	2,459
Amounts (receivable) payable to sellers in business combinations	\$	(153)	\$	_

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) share-based compensation expense, (v) loss on the extinguishment of debt, and (vi) expenses associated with non-routine acquisitions. Adjusted EBITDA Margin represents Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues for each period. These metrics are supplemental measures of our operating performance that are neither required by, nor presented in accordance with, GAAP. These measures have limitations as analytical tools 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 and Adjusted EBITDA Margin because management uses these measures as key performance indicators, and we believe that securities analysts, investors and others use these measures to evaluate companies in our industry. Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin 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 and the calculation of Adjusted EBITDA Margin for the applicable periods.

Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands, except percentages)

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,					
	2024	2023 ⁽²⁾				
Net income	\$ 68,935	\$	49,001			
Interest expense, net	19,071		17,346			
Provision for income taxes	23,161		16,403			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	92,920		79,100			
Share-based compensation expense	15,031		10,759			
Acquisition-related expenses (1)	1,455		_			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 220,573	\$	172,609			
Revenues	\$ 1,823,889	\$	1,563,548			
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	12.1 %		11.0 %			

⁽¹⁾ Reflects expenses associated with the acquisition of Lone Star Paving, which management views as a non-routine acquisition.

⁽²⁾ In periods commencing prior to September 30, 2023, the Company historically included within the definition of Adjusted EBITDA an adjustment for management fees and expenses related to the Company's management services agreement with an affiliate of SunTx Capital Partners, a member of the Company's control group. Effective October 1, 2023, the term of the management services agreement was extended to October 1, 2028. As a result of the term extension, the Company no longer views the management fees and expenses paid under the management services agreement as a non-recurring expense. Accordingly, periods commencing subsequent to September 30, 2023 do not include an adjustment for management fees and expenses, and the Company has recast comparative Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin for the quarter and fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 to conform to the current definition.

Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Three Months Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 (in thousands, except percentages)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,					
	2024	2023 ⁽²⁾				
Net income	\$ 29,308	\$	30,913			
Interest expense, net	6,084		3,545			
Provision for income taxes	10,256		10,250			
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization	25,452		21,331			
Share-based compensation expense	4,445		2,850			
Acquisition expenses ⁽¹⁾	1,455		_			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 77,000	\$	68,889			
Revenues	\$ 538,163	\$	475,026			
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	14.3 %		14.5 %			

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Construction Partners, Inc. Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation Fiscal Year 2025 Outlook (unaudited, in thousands, except percentages)

	For the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2025					
		Low	High			
Net income	\$	97,000	\$	113,000		
Interest expense, net		64,072		62,715		
Provision for income taxes		32,471		38,432		
Depreciation, depletion, accretion and amortization		128,957		138,353		
Share-based compensation expense		21,500		21,500		
Acquisition expenses		3,000		3,000		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	347,000	\$	377,000		
Revenues	\$	2,480,000	\$	2,580,000		
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		14.0 %		14.6 %		

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