

# **Construction Partners Announces FY2018 Six Month Results**

# Reports Record Revenue and Gross Profit for First Half Fiscal Year Company Provides 2018 Outlook

DOTHAN, Ala., June 04, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Construction Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ:ROAD) ("CPI" or "the Company"), a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company specializing in the construction and maintenance of roadways across five southeastern states, today reported financial and operating results for its fiscal second quarter and six months ended March 31, 2018.

#### **FY2018 Six Month Highlights**

- Revenue was \$269.3 million
- Gross Profit was \$36.5 million
- Net Income<sup>(1)</sup> was \$22.2 million
- Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup> was \$24.5 million
- Backlog totaled \$563.8 million at March 31, 2018
- (1) Net income includes the positive after-tax impact of \$10.6 million from a third-party settlement recorded in the second quarter.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure. Please see a reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measures at the end of this news release.

#### **Recent Growth Strategy Developments**

- Completed one new greenfield expansion in fiscal 2018 (North Carolina)
- Completed Initial Public Offering (IPO) in May
- Completed \$51.1 million acquisition of The Scruggs Company in May

"Our Company continues to execute as expected with a solid second quarter performance that led to record first half revenue and gross profit results," stated Charles E. Owens, CPI's President and Chief Executive Officer.

"We are also very pleased with the completion of our 16 acquisition, which we announced after the quarter ended, that complements our existing operations in the Southeastern U.S.," added Owens. "This acquisition, along with our recent greenfield expansion in North Carolina, furthers our goal to expand our vertically integrated civil infrastructure operations. We will continue to execute on our controlled, profitable growth strategy through organic growth as well as growth from future acquisitions in the highly fragmented, high-growth markets where we compete. We will also continue to benefit from increased investment in transportation infrastructure by the public customers we serve.

"I want to thank all of our employees for their hard work and dedication in helping CPI become one of the fastest growing civil infrastructure companies in the U.S. We will remain focused on the key drivers of our businesses to achieve operational excellence and to efficiently manage costs to grow profitability and enhance shareholder value," said Owens.

Ned Fleming, CPI's Chairman, added, "We are excited to have completed our IPO in May and believe we are well positioned to continue our strong record of growth in the Southeastern U.S., which is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. With our unique business model and strategic growth plan, we are targeting revenue in excess of \$1 billion by 2022 while maintaining annual double-digit adjusted EBITDA margins.

#### **Initial Public Offering**

On May 8, the Company closed on its Initial Public Offering of 11,250,000 shares of its Class A common stock at \$12.00 per share. CPI sold 9,000,000 shares, and certain selling stockholders sold 2,250,000 shares. Together with the sale of an additional 350,000 primary and 350,000 secondary shares issued and sold pursuant to the underwriters' 30-day overallotment option, the Company has sold a total of 11,950,000 common shares to date. Proceeds net to CPI after payment of underwriting expenses and prior to the additional total estimated expenses of approximately \$5.8 million totaled \$104.3 million. CPI intends to use the proceeds for growth capital, to fund acquisitions and for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of debt from time to time.

#### **Acquisition of The Scruggs Company**

CPI completed the acquisition of The Scruggs Company on May 15 for \$51.1 million in cash, excluding certain working capital adjustments. This acquisition is accretive to earnings per share and is expected to contribute revenue of approximately \$65-\$75 million over the next 12 months.

The Scruggs Company is a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company serving public and private customers in southern Georgia and operates three hot mix asphalt plants, three aggregate mines and one industrial plant. This synergistic "platform" acquisition is a strategic complement to our existing operations in the Southeastern U.S.

#### Fiscal Year 2018 Outlook

Due to the favorable Southeastern U.S. climate, CPI is able to operate its business during all twelve months of the year, and while the business is not cyclical, the historic seasonality of the business has led to approximately 40 percent of revenue coming in the first half of the fiscal year with 60 percent occurring in the second half of our fiscal year.

- Revenue in the range of \$690.0 million to \$710.0 million compared to \$568.2 million in FY2017
- Net Income<sup>(3)</sup> in the range of \$47.0 million to \$50.0 million compared to \$26.0 million in FY2017
- Adjusted EBITDA in the range of \$75.0 million to \$80.0 million compared to \$69.3million in FY2017

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the positive after-tax impact of \$10.6 million from a third-party settlement

recorded in the second quarter.

#### **Conference Call Today**

CPI will conduct a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. Central Time, 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, to discuss financial and operating results of the guarter ended March 31, 2018.

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 June 11<sup>th</sup> by calling (201) 612-7415 and using pass code 13680338#. A webcast of the call will also be available live and for later replay on CPI's Investor Relations website at <a href="http://ir.constructionpartners.net">http://ir.constructionpartners.net</a>.

#### **About Construction Partners, Inc.**

Construction Partners is a vertically integrated civil infrastructure company operating across five southeastern states, operating 30 Hot Mix Asphalt plants and nine aggregate facilities. Publicly funded projects make up the majority of its business and include local and state roadways, interstate highways, airport runways and bridges. The majority of CPI's public projects are maintenance related. Private sector projects include paving and sitework for residential subdivisions, office and industrial parks, shopping centers and local businesses. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.constructionpartners.net">www.constructionpartners.net</a>.

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

Certain information 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," "believe" and "plan." The forwardlooking statements contained in this press release include, without limitation, statements related to future events, business strategy, future performance, future operations, backlog, financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management, the acquisition of The Scruggs Company and the expected benefits thereof. These and other forward-looking 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 the acquisition, 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 capital-intensive 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 successfully identify, manage and integrate acquisitions; 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 remediate material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting identified in preparing our financial statements and to subsequently maintain effective internal control over financial reporting; and the risks, uncertainties and factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in Construction Partners' registration statement on Form S-1. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Construction Partners assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, subsequent events, or circumstances or other changes affecting such statements expect to the extent required by applicable law.

#### - Financial Statements Follow -

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

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,				For the Six Months Ended March 31,				
		2018			2017		2018		2017
Revenues	\$	118,899	5	\$	110,366	\$	269,320	\$	232,486
Cost of revenues		105,150	_		96,005	_	232,773		199,396
Gross profit		13,749			14,361		36,547		33,090
General and administrative expenses		(13,358	)		(10,965	)	(25,784	)	(21,528)
Settlement income		14,803	,		-	,	14,803	,	-
Gain on sale of equipment, net		886			2,183		1,031		2,437
Operating income		16,080	_		5,579	_	26,597		13,999
Interest expense, net		(253	)		(1,096	)	(550	)	(2,143)
Other expense		(39	)		(105	)	(60	)	(131 )
Income before provision for income taxes and earnings from		•	_		·	_			
investment in joint venture		15,788			4,378		25,987		11,725
Provision for income taxes		4,770			1,578		3,973		4,364
Earnings from investment in joint venture		230	_				230		_
Net income	\$	11,248	5	\$	2,800	\$	22,244	\$	7,361
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:									
Basic	\$	0.27	9	\$	0.07	\$	0.53	\$	0.18
Diluted	\$	0.27	5	\$	0.07	\$	0.53	\$	0.18
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:									
Basic	4	41,717,024		4	1,502,490		41,704,071		41,502,490
Diluted		41,910,122			1,505,180		41,874,442		41,502,490

### Construction Partners, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	March 31, 2018	Septem	September 30, 2017			
	(unaudited)		<u> </u>			
ASSETS	•					
Current assets:						
Cash	\$ 25,79	7 \$	27,547			
Contracts receivable including retainage, net	75,883	3	120,984			
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings						
on uncompleted contracts	10,133		4,592			
Inventories	19,829		17,487			
Other current assets	12,610		4,520			
Total current assets	144,25	1	175,130			
Property, plant and equipment, net	125,26	4	115,911			
Goodwill	30,600	0	30,600			
Intangible assets, net	2,40	0	2,550			
Investment in joint venture	63	0	-			
Other assets	14,442	2	2,483			
Deferred income taxes, net	2,23	5	1,876			
Total assets	\$ 319,822	2 \$	328,550			
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 37,324	4 \$	52,402			
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on						
uncompleted contracts	32,10	7	32,108			
Current maturities of debt	10,000	0	10,000			
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	16,789	9	20,036			
Total current liabilities	96,220	0	114,546			
Long-term liabilities:						
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	37,179	5	47,136			
Deferred income taxes, net	6,55	6	9,667			
Other long-term liabilities	4,83	7	5,020			
Total long-term liabilities	48,568	8	61,823			
Total liabilities	144,78	8	176,369			
Commitments and contingencies						
Stockholders' Equity						
Preferred stock, par value \$0.001; 1,000,000 shares						
authorized and no shares issued and outstanding		_	_			
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 126,000,000 shares authorized, 44,987,574 issued and 41,817,541 and 41,691,541 outstanding at March 31, 2018						
and December 31, 2017, respectively	4		45			
Additional paid-in capital	142,530	6	142,385			
Treasury stock, at cost	(11,52	5 )	(11,983)			
Retained earnings	43,978	8	21,734			
Total stockholders' equity	175,034	4	152,181			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 319,822	2 \$	328,550			
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#### NON-GAAP Financial Measures - Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before interest expense, net, provision (benefit) for income taxes, depreciation, depletion and amortization, equity-based compensation expense, loss on extinguishment of debt and certain management fees and expenses, and excludes income recognized in connection with the Settlement. 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 should not be considered 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 as management uses these measures as key performance indicators, and we believe they are measures frequently used by securities analysts, investors and other parties to evaluate companies in our industry. These measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP.

Our calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin may not be comparable to similarly named measures reported by other companies. Potential differences between our measure of Adjusted EBITDA compared to other similar companies' measures of Adjusted EBITDA 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 each of the periods presented (unaudited, in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			For the Six M Ended March 3				
		2018	2017		2018			2017
Net income	\$	11,248	\$	2,800	\$	22,244	\$	7,361
Interest expense, net		253		1,096		550		2,143
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		4,770		1,578		3,973		4,364
Depreciation, depletion and amortization of long-lived assets		5,633		5,279		11,308		10,501
Equity-based compensation expense		604		74		604		156
Loss on extinguishment of debt		-		-		-		-
Settlement income (4)		(14,803)		-		(14,803	)	-
Management fees and expenses (5)		311		373		651		684
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	8,016	\$	11,200	\$	24,527	\$	25,209
Revenues	\$	118,899	\$	110,366	\$	269,320	\$	232,486
Adjusted EBITDA Margin		6.7 %		10.1	%	9.1	%	10.8 %

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents pre-tax income recognized in connection with the Settlement.

<sup>(5)</sup> Reflects fees and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket-expenses under a management services agreement with SunTx.

## Construction Partners, Inc. Fiscal Year 2018 Outlook

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2018

For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2017

	30,	2018		2017				
	Low		High					
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)					
Net income	\$ 47,000	\$	50,000	\$	26,040			
Interest expense, net	1,600		1,700		3,960			
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	14,000		15,200		14,472			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization of long-lived assets	25,000		25,600		21,072			
Equity-based compensation expense	970		970		513			
Loss on extinguishment of debt	-		-		1,638			
Settlement income <sup>(4)</sup> Management fees and expenses	(14,803)		(14,803)		-			
(5)	1,230		1,340		1,309			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 74,997	\$	80,007	\$	69,274			
Revenues	\$ 690,000	\$	710,000	\$	568,212			
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	10.9 %		11.3 %		12.2 %			

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents pre-tax income recognized in connection with the Settlement.

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Source: Construction Partners, Inc.