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# NEWS RELEASE

## Ayars & Ayars, Inc. Celebrates 25-Years

*Since 1985, Ayars & Ayars, Inc. has provided customer driven construction solutions as a top design-build construction firm*

**Lincoln, NE** – In the blink of an eye, that’s how Mike Ayars describes the passing of time, as Ayars & Ayars, Inc. celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Established December 3, 1985, Ayars has many reasons to be proud of his company’s history. As a first generation owner involved in the day-to-day operations, Ayars’ commitment to making his company the best construction option available has garnered attention at both the state and national levels.

The Ayars & Ayars, Inc. corporate office boasts Lincoln’s only privately held building registered with the certification goal of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Gold. 48ROCK, as the building is known, gained the Ayars & Ayars, Inc. team national attention. Metal Architecture Magazine praised 48ROCK’s “show all” offices as the “The Master Builder Approach” showcasing Ayars self-performed work and design-build experience.

Ask Mike Ayars about the company’s personal accomplishments, and he will spend more time talking about how those accomplishments benefit and add to the success of the projects they’re working on now. “The most important projects we have are the ones we’re working on now – nothing sells work like work,” said Ayars. The company has a large portfolio that includes thousands of jobs to prove it.

Ayars & Ayars, Inc. is also influential in promoting forward thinking concepts vital to the continued growth of the construction industry. Most recently, Ayars & Ayars, Inc. has been successful initiating the design-

build Political Sub-Division Alternatives Act of 2008 that now enables political sub-divisions in Nebraska, including schools, to take advantage of the design-build construction model. The company's leadership in this legislation has allowed it to build the first two design-build schools in the state of Nebraska for both the Auburn and Dorchester Public Schools, and has also enabled them to build the new Elkhorn Fire Station – the city of Omaha's first design-build building project scheduled to be completed in the Spring of 2011.

“What I enjoy most is seeing how the construction of a new school allows us to experience how that project actually benefits the students and teachers, and how our design of a new manufacturing facility increases the efficiency to production,” said Ayars. “Our design-build philosophy makes it possible for one team to see the project through from the start of design to the end of construction, from the ribbon cutting to the open house. It's all inclusive, and the most efficient and cost effective system for our clients.”

Having eight LEED accredited professionals on staff, and more than 100 employees company wide, the Ayars & Ayars team's focus on continuous quality improvement resulted in the Ayars Quality Leadership (AQL) construction process strategy receiving the Edgerton Award for “attaining a high level of quality and thereby, a competitive advantage in the marketplace.” An application process is also underway for the nationally known Malcom Baldrige National Quality Program for Performance Excellence and Innovation.

All of the accomplishments obtained in the past 25-years couldn't have been achieved without a dedicated staff of construction and design professionals and the overall commitment of clients who give the trust of their project to the Ayars & Ayars, Inc. team. Much of the Ayars & Ayars, Inc. team has been with the company for the better part of its existence - another indication of the company's quality and commitment.

“It's crazy to think that 25-years have gone by in a blink of an eye! My personal and professional lives are one and the same. My employees are my family, and the jobs we perform are accomplished with the same care that I would give them and myself. I'm grateful and excited to keep building,” said Ayars.

Ayars & Ayars, Inc. has completed thousands of projects in Design-Build, Construction Management, General Contracting, Maintenance / Repair, and self-performs all its own work in the areas of steel erection, concrete, masonry, and carpentry.

With its corporate office located at 2436 North 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Ayars & Ayars, Inc. is a professional design-build construction firm, and a corporate partner with the architectural firm, Architecture Etc., LLC. Ayars & Ayars, Inc. and Architecture Etc., LLC. have offices located in Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska, and Lakeville, Minnesota.

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