



**Local Accounting Firm, VOS CPAs; proudly co- sponsors and participates in the National Block Kids Building Program. This educational program is designed to give school children a sneak peek into the construction industry from an early age.**

SAVANNAH, Ga February 8, 2011 Block Kids is a program designed to introduce, educate and stimulate children’s interest in the various facets of the construction industry. The program is open to all elementary school children in grades 1 – 6. Educators believe people often become what they think about from an early age. To this end, Block Kids was started as a way to expose kids to the different workings of the construction industry.

**Preparing for a future career?**

According to Heather Vinas, president of VOS CPAs, and member of NAWIC (The National of Women in Construction), “there is no better way to create interest and stimulate a child’s imagination early on, than to involve the children directly in a small construction project. There are so many components that go into construction projects; more than one might think. From designing, to budgeting, to having the financial statements that enable a construction company to obtain the bonding capacity to be awarded a job, to building and creation and on through final inspections; there are so many critical elements that support every single construction project.”

This exciting competition involves the construction of various structures using interlocking blocks along with other additional items including string, foil a small rock, and poster board. Valuable skill sets can be developed from participating in this competition that promotes creativity, resourcefulness, and a sense of achievement for creating good work and being part of something that inspires creativity.

The various trades that comprise the construction industry provide employment for millions of Americans and programs like Block Kids provide a creative learning environment to help grow the human assets the construction industry will call upon in the future.

About VOS CPAs, PLLC - VOS CPAs is a professional services firm dedicated to the entire construction industry. For over 25 years, VOS CPAs has been providing accounting, tax, and management advisory services to contractors of various trades utilizing a “hands-on” approach to ensure that all needs of our clients’ are met. We believe that our solid understanding of and dedication in the construction industry allows us to provide the specialized type of accounting required that supports our clients’ financial objectives. VOS CPAs is an active member of the National Association of Women in Construction, the Professional Women in Construction Association, the National Association of Professional Women, and the American Institute of Certified Professional Accountants, the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the New York City Surety Association.

About NAWIC - The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) originally began as Women in Construction of Fort Worth, Texas. It was founded in 1953 by 16 women working in the construction industry. Knowing that women represented only a small fraction of the construction industry, the founders organized NAWIC to create a support network. Women in Construction of Fort Worth, was so successful that it gained its national charter in 1955 and became the National Association of Women in Construction. NAWIC has a diverse membership and more than 150 chapters, with chapters in almost every U.S. state. Since 1996, NAWIC has seen its Core Purpose grow worldwide and has International Affiliation Agreements with the Canadian Association of Women in Construction, NAWIC-Australia, NAWIC-New Zealand, NAWIC-United Kingdom and South African Women in Construction. In NAWIC’s 58 years of service to its membership, the Association has advanced the causes of all women in construction, from tradeswomen to business owners.

### **Where and When?**

The Block Kids Building Competition takes place February 25, 2012 at 9:30 am until 12 pm at the HODGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL located at 3609 Hopkins Street, Savannah, GA 31405.

**For media Inquiries:** To further discuss this competition, VOS CPAs, the mission of NAWIC or any other topic related to the program, please contact Jim Morham of Market Media Connect at 951-833-8425 or via email at [jmorham@marketmediaconnect.com](mailto:jmorham@marketmediaconnect.com)