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MEDIA RELEASE

CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY AT THE LEWIS & CLARK CONFLUENCE  
TOWER

Phase 1 to be complete by November 2004

HARTFORD, IL—Village of Hartford Mayor, William Moore, Jr., announced today that construction is underway on the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower.

The tower is being constructed to commemorate the Lewis & Clark Expedition's 200th anniversary. The twin concrete towers will be 180' in height with three observation platforms overlooking the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

“Today we walk in the footsteps of those great men that walked before us 200 years ago and honor them for their vision and their accomplishments. This area was not only the point of departure for

Lewis & Clark...it is the point of departure for progress for the Village of Hartford and our entire region,” said Moore.

Kennedy Associates Incorporated, of St. Louis, Missouri, is the Construction Manager and Architect for the tower Project Team. Steve Anton, KAI Project Manager said, “Our objective was to create an icon which represents the vision of the community.” Phase 1 is expected to be complete by November 2004.

The Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower consists of two shafts-one for the elevator and one for the stairway. The two shafts will be connected by three concrete lookout platforms that join the towers into a single structural entity. The twin towers represent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and the structural lookout platforms represent the various stages of their expedition.

A grassroots group of area residents, Citizens for Lewis & Clark Development Site #1, developed the concept for the tower as a complementary site to the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center. The Illinois Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commission selected the tower as a legacy project for the State of Illinois. The tower will commemorate Site #1, the point of departure, for the Lewis & Clark Expedition. The project is located on 4.5 acres on the Great River Road, north of the Lewis & Clark Visitor Center in the Lewis & Clark Commerce Center at Piasa Lane and Route 3 in Hartford, Illinois.

Editorial note: Digital images available.