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**Englewood Construction Puts Best Foot Forward,
Begins Work on Flip Flop Shops at Mandalay Place in Las Vegas**

CHICAGO – Schiller Park, Ill.-based Englewood Construction has been chosen as the general contractor to complete the first Flip Flop Shops in Las Vegas. Based out of Atlanta, Flip Flop Shops is the first retail chain dedicated to flip flops.

The Las Vegas Flip Flops Shops will be located in Mandalay Place, the upscale shopping center attached to the Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino on Las Vegas Boulevard. This will be Englewood Construction's second project in Mandalay Place. In June 2008 the firm completed the build out of a Metropark retail store at the shopping center.

"We're excited to partner with such a vibrant, fresh brand like Flip Flop Shops – it's a good example of a trend we're seeing in retail construction," said Bill Di Santo, president of Englewood Construction. "Retail brands that have a niche and offer a unique experience to consumers are a growing segment of the market right now. It's all about the experience – from the design of the store to the products they offer."

The Mandalay Place Flip Flop Shops will occupy 723 square feet on the first floor of the shopping center. As members of the U.S. Green Building Council, Englewood Construction and Flip Flop Shops will include environmentally-friendly features in the Mandalay Place store, such as natural cork flooring and low-e lighting. In addition, Englewood Construction plans to reduce the cost and energy used to transport materials to the site by purchasing as much local construction materials as possible. The firm also plans use local Las Vegas vendors and subcontractors on the job.

In addition to being the first Flip Flop Shops in Las Vegas, the Mandalay Place store is also one of the first three franchised Flip Flop Shops in the world. The other two locations are in Guam and Vancouver, B.C.

Englewood Construction is scheduled to complete the Flip Flop Shops in May. Serving as architect for the store was Scottsdale, Ariz.-based FM Group, Inc.

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About Englewood Construction:

Englewood Construction, Inc. is a commercial general contractor specializing in the construction of retail, restaurant, shopping center, hotel and office/industrial projects throughout the United States. The firm's scope of work includes all aspects of commercial construction, including pre-construction services, general contracting and construction management. Established in 2001, Englewood Construction's executive team has more than 30 years of commercial construction experience, including executive positions with R.A.S. Builders and Capitol Construction. Since its founding, Englewood Construction has managed over 500 projects worth more than \$250 million. In 2008, the firm oversaw projects in 22 different states. Englewood Construction's national qualified subcontractor base exceeds 20,000 subcontractors and suppliers. For more information, visit www.engagewoodconstruction.com

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