

# Turner launches minority, women training program



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Turner Construction Co. has opened enrollment in a management training program to Dallas-area minority- and women-owned contractors.

The nine-week Turner School of Construction Management for Emerging Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses teaches participants how to run their own construction businesses, including topics on management, contracts, accounting, insurance, bonding, estimating and bidding, procurement, safety, scheduling, marketing and sales.

The program begins Oct. 11 and continues through Dec. 6. Classes will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursdays at the University of North Texas Universities Center at Dallas, 1901 Main St. Interested contractors can contact Mike Anthony at 214-721-8400.

More than 250 minority and women contractors have participated in Turner Construction's training programs since they began in North Texas nine years ago.

In 2006, Turner Construction awarded more than \$1 billion worth of construction contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses nationwide, including about \$22 million in Texas. This was the second time the Dallas-based company has surpassed the \$1 billion mark.

Turner credits its construction management training programs with helping to reach that milestone.

## Personnel changes



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■ Cary Krier has joined Jones Lang LaSalle as senior vice president of the capital markets group. In his new role, Krier will partner with Craig Meyer, head of Jones Lang LaSalle's national industrial practice, and Jack Minter, managing director of the capital markets group's investment sales team, to focus on increasing industrial business in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles and New Jersey. Krier, who will work in JLL's Dallas office, was previously a senior vice

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president of investment services at Colliers International.

■ Grand Homes has named Joe Vastano as regional vice president. Vastano will oversee branding, positioning, customer service and product development for the Dallas-Fort Worth homebuilder.

For the last seven years, Vastano has been president of the Dallas division of David Weekley Homes.

Prior to that, Vastano was project manager at Rivers and Christian Architects in Los Angeles and project manager and architect at Litton Industries in Beverly Hills, Calif.

## Done deals

■ Choice Homes has leased 37,837 square feet of office/warehouse space in the Valley View Business Center at 5325 FAA Blvd. in Irving. Dan Lawson of Proterra Properties Inc. negotiated the lease with David Walters of The Staubach Co.

■ DEMA Sewing Machines LLC has signed a 25,425-square-foot sublease at 4884 Duncanville Road in Dallas. Brian Pafford and Michael Spain of Bradford Cos. handled negotiations for both the tenant and the sublessor, Foundation-Works Inc. DEMA, which specializes in sewing factory liquidation and sewing equipment sales, will be moving from a smaller facility in Duncanville.

■ Interline has subleased 27,000 square feet from PharmaFab Inc. at 3115 N. GSW Pkwy. in Grand Prairie. Karen Simon and Kevin J. Santaularia of Bradford Cos. represented PharmaFab. Interline was represented by John McDaniel of Mohr Partners.

■ Metroplex Mailing Services has leased 24,000 square feet of office/warehouse space in the Valley View Business Center at 5325 FAA Blvd. in Irving. David Lawson of Proterra Properties Inc. negotiated the lease with Chris Bly of Capstone Commercial.

■ Mattel has leased 22,928 square feet of office/warehouse space at 16650 Westgrove in Addison. Matt Heidelbaugh and Jean Russo of Cushman & Wakefield of Texas Inc. represented Mattel and Michael Bowles of the John Bowles Co. represented the owner, Triple Net Properties Realty.

■ Emanuel Distributors has leased 17,800 square feet of industrial space at 2675 Freewood Drive in Dallas in a building owned and managed by Felder Property Group. Nathan Denton of Lee & Associates DFW handled the transaction.