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## **Swope Community Builders Strengthens Leadership Team** Two veteran executives join senior staff

**(Kansas City, MO)...** Swope Community Builders (SCB) has added two veteran professionals to the organization's leadership team as it strengthens its commitment to community development.

M.A. "Art" Chaudry has been named chief operating officer and Robert "Bob" Radford serves as project manager for the East Village project.

Chaudry brings more than three decades of senior executive experience to his position, which reports directly to SCB President and Chief Executive Officer William Jones. In this new role Chaudry is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the community development company, including oversight of SCB's growing assets and portfolio in both residential and commercial real estate, project management, and business development of new opportunities and implementation of business strategies. Chaudry previously was executive vice president and chief financial officer at Union Station in Kansas City, Mo. Before that, Chaudry had been Jackson County's chief administrative officer.

"Art brings a wealth of talent and deep experience in various leadership positions that will be a tremendous asset to our SCB team," Jones said. "He also has been extremely effective in his work with local, county, and state elected and appointed officials."

Chaudry's prior work experience includes, but is not limited to, executive level assignments with Hoechst Marion Roussel, H & R Block, and the Kansas City Royals Baseball Club, all in Kansas City, Mo.

"Art is an intelligent, energetic and positive professional who is well-prepared and qualified for many roles," said Herk Robinson, retired Kansas City Royals general manager. "He has great moral character, which is one of the reasons that the people in our organization enjoyed working with him and for him. Art builds coalitions across a wide spectrum of constituencies for a common cause, which was helpful in initiating the multimillion dollar Kauffman Stadium Renovation project that was successfully completed this year."

Chaudry earned a Masters in Business Administration from Loyola University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He currently is a member of the Board of the Urban League of Greater Kansas City, where he previously served as chairman.

### **Robert "Bob" Radford named East Village Project Manager**

Veteran real estate development management professional Robert "Bob" Radford III will manage the development of the East Village project on the east side of downtown Kansas City.

Radford has more than 33 years experience in architecture, construction and public/private real estate development projects.

The estimated \$340 million East Village redevelopment project includes the transformation of nine blocks east of the existing federal courthouse, Federal Aviation Administration building and the JE Dunn Corporate Headquarters. The new developments are scheduled to include housing, mixed-use, retail and office space, a hotel, and parking. The first phase of construction will begin in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2010, with phase one completion expected in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Radford also played a key role on the expansion project of the Kansas City Hospice House in Kansas City, Mo.

"It was a pleasure working with Bob, and he did a very thorough job for us," said Kansas City Hospice Chief Executive Officer Elaine McIntosh. "He pays for himself. He was such a

tremendous help during the pre-construction, construction and post-construction phases of our project.”

Radford was senior project manager for the construction of the 110-thousand square foot International Church of the Nazarene Global Ministry Center in Lenexa, Kan., and he represented the unified government of Kansas City, Kan., and co-managed their \$600 million Village West development in Wyandotte County. He also was a member of the management team that developed the \$980 million dollar Sprint Campus world headquarters in Overland Park, Kan.

“Our plans for East Village contain a number of exciting prospects,” SCB President Bill Jones said. “We have a great deal of confidence in Bob’s demonstrated knowledge and experience at successfully balancing interests to the benefit of all parties in the public and private sectors.”

Radford holds a bachelor of Architecture degree from Kansas State University and is a registered architect in the state of Kansas.

“We are fortunate to have both Art and Bob, who are exceptionally talented leaders, join our senior management team,” said Swope Community Enterprises Chairman E. Frank Ellis. “We look forward to their contributions in continuing the SCB tradition of providing long-term positive impact in developing the urban core.”

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