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*New Marlins Ballpark Opening 2012*

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### **NEW MARLINS BALLPARK OPENS ITS DOORS TO LOCAL CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS FOR ONCE IN A LIFETIME EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Students of Architecture, Construction, and Engineering to Learn First Hand from the New Marlins Ballpark*

**MIAMI, Fla.** – The Marlins, together with Hunt/Moss, A Joint Venture, and Baker Concrete will host a once in a lifetime educational tour for inner-city students of the ACE (*Architecture, Construction, and Engineering*) Mentor program. The high schoolers will listen to innovative construction presentations and embark on a full site tour with the highest skilled construction staff in the industry. ***Media is invited to join the students during the trailer presentation on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. and interview students as well as construction team on site.***

“We are proud to be affiliated with the *ACE Mentor Program*,” said Claude Delorme, Executive VP of Ballpark Development. “We know this will be a learning experience for the local students in the program and hope it inspires them in their future careers.”

The 60 participating students attend South Florida high schools including; Plantation High School, Atlantic VoTech, South Fork High School, Atlantic High School, Seminole Ridge High School and Miami Carol City High School.

The event will be filmed in its entirety by NCCER as part of the Build Your Future video, a recruitment video that highlights the rewarding career opportunities available to young people in construction. The video will be distributed to schools and contractors nationwide during Careers in Construction Week.

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*The new ballpark's footprint will have a South East orientation, with unobstructed views of Miami's skyline made possible by six movable glass panels. The ballpark will be located on the parcel of land bordered by NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, NW 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the west and NW 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the east. With a capacity of approximately 37,000 spectators, the retractable roof, air-conditioned ballpark will contain 928,000 square feet on the former Orange Bowl site. The ballpark will celebrate Opening Day in April 2012 and will attract a wide variety of events throughout the entire calendar year. Leading up to Opening Day 2012, fans can follow the ballpark's progress from a webcam that overlooks the site of the new ballpark. These pictures can be viewed exclusively at [www.marlins.com](http://www.marlins.com). Click on "Camera Control" to the left of the main image and zoom in and out. You can also click on the archive tab to look back in time. The camera's orientation is from North to South and images are updated every 15 minutes.*

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*The ACE Mentor Program's mission is to engage, excite and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in the integrated construction industry through mentoring; and to support their continued advancement in the industry through scholarships and grants. ACE is a unique partnership among industry professionals — architects, interior designers, landscape architects, mechanical, structural, electrical, environmental and civil engineers, construction managers,*

*college and university representatives, and other professionals from related corporations and professional organizations — who work together to attract young people to their professions. Industry professionals volunteer to become mentors to high school students in order to introduce them to the professions and encourage them to pursue studies and careers in these fields. In return, the industry gets a much-needed boost of new talent.*