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## **HOLMES ELECTRIC MOVES TO NEW HEADQUARTERS**

### *Construction Complete on New Holmes Electric*

### *Headquarters in Kent, Washington*

**Kent, WASH. (November 5, 2008)** - Construction is complete on Holmes Electric Company's new corporate headquarters in Kent. Holmes was previously located on Raymond Avenue SW in Renton for nearly thirty years, but needed to move to accommodate the Washington Department of Transportation's expansive reconstruction of Interstate 405 between Interstate 5 and Highway 167.

Holmes' new offices are located in one of the two buildings previously occupied by the King County Journal at 600 Washington Avenue South in Kent, Washington. The two-building site was purchased by The Benaroya Companies and Real Property Investors earlier this year.

LA Fitness has leased the 55,950 square foot building at the north end of the property. The second smaller building to the south was slated for demolition before Holmes Electric stepped in to purchase it. Instead, only the north end of the building was demolished and with the assistance of Poe Construction, the remainder of the building received a complete and comprehensive overhaul. 28,560 square foot of the building was demolished leaving Holmes Electric's new 19,000 square foot headquarters.

The new Kent facility houses the administration, estimating, project management, purchasing, engineering and accounting departments for Holmes Electric. Holmes has relocated its warehousing and production operations from Renton to a new larger and more serviceable location in Tukwila. Pre-fabrication, staging, and warehousing are now located at 18215 Olympic Avenue South.

Mike Richards, CEO of Holmes Electric, said Monday "Poe Construction is an excellent general contractor and an outstanding construction partner. Their experience and understanding of our needs resulted in a truly exceptional finished product. We could not be happier with their efforts." He further indicated that Lance Mueller and Associates, the architects of record, "did an excellent job in designing the new building. Both Lance Mueller and Jesse Johnson took great interest in creating a functional layout, as well as an aesthetically pleasing environment for our staff. We are extremely happy with the results."

For more than 60 years, Holmes Electric has successfully and expertly constructed many of the areas most distinct commercial projects including the Boeing Customer Service Training Center, Nordstrom's Flagship Store, the Experience Music Project, 3 Bellevue Center and Nintendo. More recently, Holmes has completed construction on the Westfield Southcenter Mall and the new Seahawks Headquarters and Training Facilities in Tukwila and Renton, respectively. They continue to work on the comprehensive Bravern project in the heart of Bellevue, one of the company's largest contracts to date.