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### Catamount Awarded Tavern Hospitality Group Project

DENVER, Colorado – **Catamount Constructors, Inc. (Catamount)**, a privately held commercial general contractor with offices in Denver, Colorado and Atlanta, Georgia, is awarded a combined renovation and expansion project for Denver-based developer Tavern Hospitality Group (THG). Construction on Cowboy Lounge and Tavern Downtown, located at 1941 and 1949 Market Street, respectively, will begin early mid November with a grand opening tentatively scheduled for March, 2010. This is the sixth project Catamount has constructed for THG in the Denver metropolitan area.

Designed by Denver-based Semple Brown Design, this is a simultaneous and combined 16,888 square foot renovation and expansion project for both Cowboy Lounge and Tavern Downtown. The Cowboy Lounge will receive a full renovation to include the dance floor, performance stage, DJ booth, bars, kitchen and restrooms as well as the addition of state-of-the-art fire alarm and sprinkler systems. The Tavern Downtown will receive a patio expansion over Cowboy Lounge, designed as one large continuous rooftop patio, a component that has become THG's signature brand. The new patio will include indoor / outdoor seating, accessible year round, and large architecturally crafted folding doors for easy indoor / outdoor access. Both projects will feature many of the **'tavern'** design elements that have made THG synonymous with Denver's stellar reputation for nightlife entertainment.

Ranked by Engineering News-Record as the nation's 14<sup>th</sup> largest retail general contractor, Catamount is a privately held commercial builder with offices in Evergreen, Colorado and Atlanta, Georgia. Catamount provides contracting services to owners and developers nationwide with services that include general contracting, construction management, LEED construction, design-build, cost estimating, conceptual budgeting, scheduling and value engineering. Markets served include hospitality, retail, multi-family, faith-based, retail, LEED / sustainable, industrial, medical / corporate office and automotive.

"Our relationship with THG dates back to 2002 when we constructed Frank's first tavern facility," said Jeff Cochran, Catamount Denver Division President. "Catamount's achievements are based on repeat business from valued clients such as THG and we feel extremely fortunate to be associated with THG's tremendous success story," Cochran added.

The brainchild of Frank Schultz and his mother and step-father Terry and Al Papay, THG is a Denver-based, family-owned company. The company's growth and development is grounded in the **'tavern'** concept. During their quest for an upscale neighborhood bar with great food, THG owners realized there was a market for such an establishment in the Denver metropolitan area. Dark woods, signature patios, game rooms and upscale dining comprise THG's tavern brand. Having found their niche in the Denver community, THG has become a vital piece of Denver's personality. Continuing the company's growth, the owners entered the Denver Technology Center (DTC) area with Tavern Tech Center in early 2008 followed by Tavern Wash Park in the fall.

"Since day one, our vision has been to expand the rooftop of Tavern Downtown over Cowboy Lounge," said Frank Schultz, owner of THG. "The rooftop is such a draw to our customers and one of the things that makes us unique in Denver. With Catamount's help, we're looking forward to creating an even better destination for our guests," Schultz concluded.

Additional establishments owned by THG include Tavern Uptown, Tavern Lowry and The Soiled Dove Underground. For information on any of the establishments owned and operated by THG, please visit [www.tavernhg.com](http://www.tavernhg.com).

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