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**PEABODY/BALFOUR BEATTY/METRO CONTRUCTION PARTNER  
TO PUT SMILES ON TOTS' FACES WITH & TOYS & CASH DONATION**

**ORLANDO, FLA. -- DECEMBER 13, 2008 --** Alan C. Villaverde, executive vice president, Peabody Hotels, and general manager of The Peabody Orlando, which is undergoing a \$450-million expansion, announces a very special holiday collaboration. Peabody Hotel Group, and the contractors responsible for the construction and management of this huge project, Balfour Beatty, Belz Construction, Metro Construction, and their subcontractors, have joined together to benefit Toys for Tots in the Central Florida region.

On Tuesday, December 16 at 11:00 am, a contingent of US Marines in full dress blues will form a guard of honor on The Peabody's front drive. With pomp and ceremony, they will receive a very special delivery: 4 pick up trucks loaded with toys donated by various companies and their employees working on the Peabody expansion. Like Santa and his reindeer, the toys will come from the sky, delivered by the gigantic tower crane involved in the expansion. In addition, a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be presented to Toys for Tots by Peabody, Balfour Beatty, Belz Construction and Metro Construction.

“Through Toys for Tots, we want to put smiles on the faces of local children whose families are affected by the global economic meltdown,” said Villaverde. “Many in our community have lost their jobs and face a bleak holiday season. We believe that those of us who are fortunate enough to have job security in these uncertain times, should give back to our community and bring joy and good cheer to those whose needs are greater than ours.”

Kurt Kotzin, owner's representative for Belz Construction Company, Inc., is passionate about helping children enjoy the holidays. “Pay it Forward – do a good deed when you can,” he said. “This is about sharing. Everyone on this Peabody expansion project is glad to be working here and able to give back to the community in a small way.” Likewise, Jim Wright of Balfour Beatty comments, “Our team is privileged to be able to help the Peabody give back to our community in this special season and difficult times.

The Peabody Orlando is a *Mobil Travel Guide* Four Star, AAA Four Diamond property of Peabody Hotels within the portfolio of Peabody Hotel Group of Memphis, Tennessee.