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**FINAL DETAILS COMPLETE, \$2.8 MILLION BERLIN STREET, UTILITY  
PROJECTS A SUCCESS ON MANY FRONTS**

**Completed on time, within budget and in accordance with City standards**

BERLIN, Wis. (October 26, 2009) – The final punch list has been satisfied, the clean-up details completed and the seven street and utility projects in the city of Berlin that have been in the works since August 2007 have been put to bed, it was announced today.

The City retained Kunkel Engineering Group of Beaver Dam to design, engineer and oversee construction of the projects, undertaking storm and sanitary sewer construction, street reconstruction and installation of water mains in four locations as well as street resurfacing at three additional sites. The collective costs associated with the projects totaled \$2.88 million, some \$1.47 million under the original project estimates and well within the contracted totals.

“We worked diligently with the City of Berlin to stage these projects so as to induce the least amount of upset and inconvenience to the community,” said Craig Kunkel, president of Kunkel Engineering Group. “We didn’t want large sections of the community to be under construction simultaneously and I believe we accomplished that goal.”

Actual construction began in early 2008 and was substantially completed by that fall. Street and utility work was apportioned into four projects at locations around the city. Project 1 included Southwest Ceresco Street from McKitterick to Washington Street, Kossuth Street from Canal Street to 400 feet north of Ceresco Street and Arnold Street. Project 2 encompassed Oak Street from Memorial Drive to East Marquette Street as well as Oak Court and East Cumberland Street from North Wisconsin Street to Oak Street. Project 3 covered Junction Street from Ripon Road to South Johnson Street, and Project 4, Union Street from South Pearl Street to State Street.

Three additional sites required resurfacing which was completed during the 2009 summer. They included East Berlin Street from Oak to Center Street, Liberty Street from Wisconsin Avenue to Center Street, and Industrial Park Road to 600 feet east on Ripon Road.

“This is perhaps the largest ongoing street and utility project that the City of Berlin has undertaken,” Kunkel said, “so it was important that it be well managed, completed on time, within budget and to the satisfaction of all. We accomplished this through constant communication with the City and our subcontractors to schedule and stage the projects appropriately and to work through the challenges presented by the very rainy conditions encountered during the early summer months of 2008.”

Kunkel Engineering Group is a privately held, full-service engineering firm that specializes in engineering for municipalities and the people within them. Founded by Craig Kunkel in 2000 and headquartered in Beaver Dam, Kunkel Engineering Group serves small and growing communities throughout south-central Wisconsin.

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