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ARCHITECTURAL FIRM MAKES DONATION TO CROWDER

WEBB CITY, MO – Paragon Architecture will present a sizeable donation to the Crowder College Webb City Expansion Project, June 4, at 1:00 p.m. at the Webb City location.

Brad Erwin, owner of Paragon Architecture, has worked with Crowder on FEMA projects including Davidson Hall on the Neosho campus.

Paragon Architecture, with offices in Springfield and Joplin, is the area's leading designer of tornado safe rooms in educational facilities. The firm has designed two safe rooms for Crowder College and has assisted communities and school districts across Missouri with an additional 30 community tornado safe rooms. While officially established in 2010, Paragon Architecture's staff have been providing architectural services together in the Ozarks since 2003 with over 30+ combined years of working together. Paragon Architecture focused expertise includes sustainable design of educational, public safety & justice buildings as well as healthcare and commercial facilities. Currently, the firm is designing 3 tornado safe rooms for the McDonald County School District and 5 for Webb City Schools.

The new building will add 22,000 square feet to the current facility. The newly constructed building will include a 9,000 square foot tornado safe room able to withstand an EF-5 tornado. This safe room will provide students, staff and community residents protection from dangerous storms. The safe room will also function as usable classroom space.

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Check presentation will be made at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at Crowder College in Webb City. The facility is located at 600 S. Ellis, Webb City, MO. For more information please feel free to contact my office or Cyndi Adamson, Director, at the Webb City location, 417-673-2345.

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