



MEDIA ADVISORY – December 13, 2005

Media Contacts:

Jon Cross
The Allen Group
858-764-6800
jcross@allengroup.com

Kevin Burns
Edelman
214-443-7574
kevin.burns@edelman.com

Breaking Ground Tomorrow:
**New Rail Project at International Trade & Transportation Center (ITTC)
in Shafter**

WHAT: The City of Shafter and The Allen Group announce groundbreaking tomorrow on a rail project that will service the International Trade and Transportation Center (ITTC), the 700-acre industrial park located in Shafter in the southern San Joaquin Valley.

The rail service will be provided by the BNSF Railway and be owned by the City of Shafter. The ITTC is located between Highway 99 and I-5, in Shafter outside of Bakersfield. The ITTC is a development of The Allen Group, based in San Diego (www.allengroup.com).

WHO: Representatives from the City of Shafter, The Allen Group, the State of California, Members of the State Senate and Assembly, and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway

VISUALS: The groundbreaking site will be in the foreground of the rail line that will service the ITTC industrial park. Next to the podium will be a large sitemap of the park, showing the exact rail line location. There will be opportunities for B-roll coverage before and after the event, as the ceremony site is adjacent to existing buildings, including Target's regional distribution center.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 10:30 – 11:30 am PT

WHERE: West end cul-de-sac of Fanucchi Way, north of 7th Standard Road, Shafter, Calif.

ITTC: The International Trade and Transportation Center (ITTC) is a 700-acre master-planned industrial park located in California's southern San Joaquin Valley on the main line of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The ITTC is home to Target Stores' 1.7 million square foot regional distribution center. Thirty-five million consumers are within a four-hour drive of the property, which will feature an intermodal facility allowing direct rail service to and from the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, for shippers and distributors serving the western United States.

The San Diego based commercial development firm specializes in rail-served industrial parks and build-to-suit facilities, including Class A office buildings. The Company has developed over a half a billion dollars of commercial property in California and across the West, including two master-planned logistics parks in California's Central Valley: the MidState 99 Distribution Center (www.midstate99.com) south of Fresno and the International Trade and Transportation Center (www.ittc.com) just outside of Bakersfield.

With offices in San Diego, Visalia, Bakersfield, Calif. and Dallas, Texas, The Allen Group is trusted by Fortune 500 companies such as VF Corporation, Cox Communications, FedEx, International Paper Company, Intuit, Kraft Foods and Wal-Mart Stores. The Company has major industrial and office projects under development in San Diego, Bakersfield, Shafter, Sacramento and Visalia, Calif., as well as a major intermodal logistics hub in Dallas, Texas.

For more information about The Allen Group, please visit www.allengroup.com

###