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**SM&P Utility Resources and Central Locating Services Acquired
by Kohlberg & Company**

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SANTA BARBARA, CA (March 31, 2008) – United States Infrastructure Corporation (USI), a holding company formed by leading private equity firm, Kohlberg & Company, completed the acquisitions of SM&P Utility Resources (SM&P) and Central Locating Services (CLS), forming the leading provider of underground utility locating and marking services in the United States. CCG Securities served as exclusive financial advisor to Kohlberg & Company.

SM&P was acquired from St. Louis, MO-based gas utility company, Laclede Group (NYSE: LG), and CLS was acquired from Willow Grove, PA-based Asplundh Tree Expert Company. The combination of SM&P and CLS creates the market leader in the U.S. and a significant growth platform with customer, geographic and cultural synergies. “The acquisitions of CLS and SM&P combine the best management teams and the best systems in the industry, which will lead to providing the best quality service to over 400 utility customers in 21 states,” said Mike Stayton, President and CEO of USI.

“We look forward to a stronger and more efficient company with this merger, bringing ‘best-in-class’ service to our customers that will set a new standard of the industry,” said Christopher Asplundh, President and CEO of Asplundh Tree Expert. Asplundh will retain an ownership interest in and serve on the board of USI.

Gordon Woodward of Kohlberg & Company remarked: “We are excited about the prospect of combining these two industry leaders. Under Mike Stayton’s leadership, we believe the new company is uniquely positioned to provide enhanced resources, quality service, and geographic scope to its valued customer base.”

CCG Securities is an investment and merchant banking firm, specializing in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) advisory and capital raising services to small and mid-size companies in the infrastructure services industries. For additional information, please visit www.ccgbank.com.

Kohlberg & Company is a leading U.S. private equity firm specializing in middle-market investing. Since its inception in 1987, Kohlberg has organized six private equity funds, raising \$3.7 billion of committed equity capital, and completed more than 100 buyout transactions and add-on acquisitions, collectively valued at nearly \$7 billion. Partnerships with leading management teams have been critical to the firm’s successful 20-year investment track record.

SM&P Utility Resources is a leading provider of utility locating and marking services primarily in the Midwestern and Southern U.S. and, prior to the acquisition by USI, was a subsidiary of publicly-held gas utility Laclede Group, Inc.

Central Locating Services is a leading provider of utility locating and marking services in the Eastern and Southeastern U.S. and, prior to the acquisition by USI, was a subsidiary of privately-owned Asplundh Tree Expert Company.

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