



## **VIDEO AND PHOTOS AVAILABLE: Heartland Inc. Acquires Karkela Construction**

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PLYMOUTH, Minn./EWorldWire/Feb. 7, 2005 --- Heartland Inc. (OTCBB:HTLJ) this week announced the acquisition of Karkela Construction of St. Louis Park, Minn., a 21-year-old commercial construction company servicing the Minneapolis / St. Paul metropolitan area of Minnesota. This acquisition was completed in December 2004.

Based upon the unaudited financial records of Karkela Construction, Karkela had revenues of approximately \$12 million for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2004 under the leadership of Larry Karkela, the founder of the company. Karkela Construction specializes in dental/medical, retail/office, multi-family, industrial, hospitality and places of worship. It has built over 500 medical clinics alone. In addition to new construction, Karkela also specializes in remodeling projects for existing businesses.

"Karkela Construction prides itself in providing its clients with the highest quality of workmanship, service and cost-effective performance. Heartland is pleased to have such a high-caliber company join our team," said Trent Sommerville, CEO of Heartland. "We feel that there is a tremendous market in commercial construction in the United States, and Karkela Construction is the first entry into that market for Heartland."

### **About Heartland Inc.**

(<http://www.heartlandholdingsinc.com>)

Heartland Inc. is a growing diversified holding company comprised of subsidiaries within several different and distinct industry segments. Revenue for the first nine months in 2004 was \$5.7 million with a net income of \$127,000. (However, due to several acquisitions which were completed in the last quarter of 2004 and pro forma for the completion of those transactions, Heartland's performance for the 12 months ended Dec. 31, 2004 would reflect approximately \$49,763,380 in sales and approximately \$327,837 in profits.) From heavy machining and fabricated steel products to specialized machinery to organic fertilizers and mulch, to commercial construction and builders of new homes, Heartland Inc. is developing broad product and service offerings to provide economic protection and growth opportunities for investors. More information is available by contacting Heartland by phone at 763-557-2900.

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