



THE BRIDGES COALITION

www.TheBridgesCoalition.com

For Immediate Release
Feb. 25, 2010

Contact:
Kay Stewart
(502) 322-4396
Kstewart@thebridgescoalition.com

Coalition Chairman C. Edward Glasscock stepping down David Nicklies to serve as acting chairman

C. Edward Glasscock is stepping down as Chairman of The Bridges Coalition, a role he assumed when the non-profit organization was founded in 2007 to advocate for the Ohio River Bridges Project.

“After three years and great progress on the Bridges Project, it is time to let new leadership take the reins of the Coalition,” Glasscock said. He said the move will allow him to spend more time on his legal practice in Mergers and Acquisitions at Frost Brown Todd where he is Chairman Emeritus.

David Nicklies, president of Nicklies Development and a member of the Coalition’s Executive Committee, will serve as acting chairman until he can be confirmed as chairman by the Coalition’s full board at a meeting next month.

“I am confident the Coalition will remain active and effective under David’s leadership and while the project’s long-term financing plan is deliberated and major construction gets underway,” Glasscock said.

The Coalition - a broad-based alliance of Kentucky and Indiana project supporters including employers, business and civic organizations, local elected officials, union and construction trade groups – will continue to build on Glasscock’s leadership and accomplishments, Nicklies said.

“I share his commitment and passion for the Bridges Project and its importance for our region’s future,” Nicklies said. “This project is our region’s most significant economic initiative in our lifetime and will create 56,000 jobs during construction and a brighter future for generations.”

Glasscock has been engaged in leadership roles for most major community initiatives during the past twenty years including the merger of City and County governments, the building of the Louisville Arena, the building of Slugger Field and the merger of three

government and non-profit economic initiatives to form Greater Louisville Inc., Mayor Jerry Abramson said.

“We appreciate his outstanding leadership on the Bridges Project, and I know he will continue to be supportive of the project as it moves forward,” Abramson said.

Adam Edelen, Governor Steve Beshear’s chief of staff, said Glasscock has been a leading project advocate and worked hard to ensure needed legislation for continued progress was adopted last year by the Kentucky General Assembly.

“Governor Beshear is strongly committed to bridges progress as quickly as possible and greatly appreciates Ed’s outstanding leadership, hard work and significant contributions to advance the project,” he said.

Greater Louisville Inc. President Joe Reagan, a former Coalition board member who is now a member of the Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Authority that is developing the finance plan for the project, said that when business leaders from Louisville and Southern Indiana asked Glasscock to become the Coalition’s first chairman in 2007, the Bridges Project was at a standstill.

“With Ed heading the Coalition and providing outstanding leadership, this project came to life and we can all look forward now to continued project progress and thousands of new jobs in our region for future generations,” Reagan said.

Kerry Stemler, president of KM Stemler Co. of New Albany, Ind., who is a former Coalition member and now co-chairs the Bridges Authority, said Glasscock “has worked at every opportunity to advance the Bridges Project. He has brought together elected leadership from Kentucky and Indiana and has volunteered hundreds of hours to the Coalition’s efforts. He has made a difference in building a project that is vital for our future.”

###

The Bridges Coalition is a broad-based non-profit organization of Kentucky and Indiana advocates for completion as quickly and as cost effectively as possible of the Bridges Project, two new bridges linking Louisville and Southern Indiana and the rebuild of Spaghetti Junction where I-65, I-64 and I-71 converge.