



# Austin Industries

## News Release

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### **Austin Industries announces appointment of financial executive**

**DALLAS, TEXAS** – Austin Industries announced the appointment of Jeffrey T. Fisher as chief financial officer effective March 31, 2009. He is joining Austin Industries in conjunction with the planned retirement of Paul Hill who will remain with the company in an advisory capacity.

“We’re pleased to have someone with J.T.’s broad experience in large, complex and customer-service intensive companies joining Austin Industries’ executive team as Paul Hill, our current CFO, transitions toward his retirement,” said Ronald J. Gafford, Austin’s chairman, president and CEO. “We’re grateful to Paul for his extraordinary service during the past 33 years and for the talented financial staff he has put in place.”

Mr. Fisher served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Charter Communications from 2006-2008. Prior to joining Charter, he held a variety of senior management positions for Delta Air Lines, Inc. from 1997-2006. He served as head of Delta’s Corporate Restructuring Group, and previously held the positions of president and general manager, and separately, chief financial officer, for Delta Connection, Inc., the world’s largest group of regional airline companies. He also sits on the board of Limelight Networks, Inc. Mr. Fisher received a B.B.M. degree from Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Austin Industries, founded in 1918, is 100 percent employee owned and has three subsidiaries – Austin Bridge & Road, Austin Commercial and Austin Industrial. It is one of the largest contractors based in the southern half of the United States.

Austin Bridge & Road is the oldest of Austin Industries’ companies. It developed a reputation throughout its history as a premier bridge builder, having built such landmark structures as the Triple Underpass in downtown Dallas, the five-level interchange in Fort Worth, the Gulfgate Interchange in Houston and the Queen Isabella Causeway connecting Padre Island to Port Isabel, Texas.

Austin Commercial is a commercial builder with offices in Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona and Florida. Landmark projects include the American Airlines Center, the Dallas Convention Center expansion, the Bank of America 72-story plaza and the Towers at Williams Square.

Austin Industrial provides construction and maintenance services to the chemical, petrochemical, refining, power and manufacturing industries. Offices are in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia.