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**Pilgrim Monument Restoration Underway,
Renovations will Employ State-of-the Art Fiber Technology**

December 16, 2011 (Provincetown, Mass.) – [The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum](#) (PMPM) announced today that a five-month restoration project of the interior of the Pilgrim Monument is underway that will restore and renovate the national historic structure that has welcomed more than 10 million visitors since its dedication in 1910. The renovation project is being managed by Coastal Engineering Inc. of Orleans, Mass. in conjunction with Fibrwrap Construction Services Inc., based regionally in Chantilly, Virginia.

“The Pilgrim Monument has been a beacon to visitors, tourists and sailors alike for the past 100-plus years, standing 252 feet tall, with spectacular 360-degree views at the top. The Monument has had lots of foot traffic over the years, so now is it’s time for repair, renovation and some TLC,” said John McDonagh, executive director of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. “Our beloved national and local treasure needs to be at its best since it commemorates such a significant and seminal event in American History.”

The Pilgrim Monument commemorates the first landing of the Mayflower Pilgrims in 1620 in Provincetown Harbor where they wrote and signed the Mayflower Compact, the first written declaration of a democratic commonwealth. The Pilgrim Monument is 252-feet, 7.5 inches tall and rises 353 feet above sea level. It is the tallest all granite structure in the U.S. and includes 60 ramps and 166 steps. The Monument is designed to resemble Torre Del Mangia, a 14th century tower in Siena, Italy and is of the Italian Renaissance order of architecture. It is built of granite from Stonington, Maine.

The Monument renovation will strengthen the interior structure through the use of state-of-the-art advanced fiber technology used in aerospace and large bridge repair projects. The renovation will also increase structural integrity and address corrosion related repair. The work will be undertaken in five stages and is on track to be completed by mid-April, 2012.

“Coastal Engineering is honored to help preserve this historical and cultural gem by ensuring that the Pilgrim Monument is safe and structurally sound for all who visit the Monument each year. We hope our efforts will match in some measure the faith and dedication of our forefathers to whom this monument is dedicated as they set the course of history at the birth of our nation,” said John A. Bologna, P.E., President and CEO of Coastal Engineering Co. Inc., Orleans, Mass. [Coastal Engineering](#) is providing structural engineering and construction administration services for the restoration project.

With locations across the United States and internationally, Fibrwrap Construction is a full service structural renovation company, specializing in the design and application of Advanced Composite Systems.

“Restoration and repair is a vital component of ensuring the structural integrity of any monument or building. Renovation of this national treasure is of the utmost importance and we are thrilled to be involved in the project,” said Mike Travis, New England Business Development Manager of Fibrwrap Construction ([fibrwrap.com](#)). “We are proud to have been chosen to work on this national treasure, and we promise a superior result.”

The Pilgrim Monument is closed for the season and will reopen in the spring. The restoration project is expected to be completed by the 2012 opening in April.

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About the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum

Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum is a non-profit educational, tax-exempt 501(3)(c) organization. Its mission is to commemorate the history of the Mayflower Pilgrims, culminating in their arrival and stay in Provincetown Harbor and the signing of the Mayflower Compact. In addition, the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum collects, preserves, interprets, researches, exhibits, and publishes archival historical materials and exhibit materials depicting important events of Provincetown history. For more information please visit [pilgrim-monument.org](#).

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