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Deb Grubbe, Jim Porter Initial Contributors to New Builders' Legacy Society

Austin, TX — The National Academy of Construction is pleased to announce that Academy members Deb Grubbe and Jim Porter are the initial contributors to NAC's new Builders' Legacy Society. Their estate gift of \$100,000 to the Society will go toward the NAC permanent endowment.

Grubbe and Porter said in a statement accompanying their gift, "The construction industry has been good to us, so we think the best way to give back is by supporting the growth and sustainability of its Academy."

Wayne Crew, General Secretary, expressed gratitude for the first-ever contributions to the new program. "The gift from Deb and Jim provides us with yet another opportunity to grow and sustain our mission. Their dedication to bolster the Academy and support our mission is remarkable," he said.

The Builders' Legacy Society is a newly created program by the Academy. It represents an extension of the NAC mission in that individuals contributing to it will be recognized beyond their lifetimes by the Academy. All funds that are contributed to the Builders' Legacy Society, which can be in any amount, will be designated to the permanent endowment. Gifts may be made from estates or by indication in wills. Outright gifts also will be honored. In addition, named endowed funds may be established in the Builders' Legacy Society for a minimum gift of \$50,000. This named fund can then provide a way to honor a past or current Academy member in perpetuity.

Grubbe, elected to NAC in 2013, is a past co-chair of the Safety Committee. Currently, she serves on the Strategic Planning Committee and on the Safety Committee. Porter, elected to the NAC in 2003, served as the Academy's president in 2009 and currently chairs the Strategic Planning Committee. He also is a member of the Safety Committee.

The Builders' Legacy Society is a part of the Academy's new and evolving development program. Because member dues cover only a portion of the annual operating costs, members' additional contributions, gifts, and sponsorships and NAC's income from investments carry the balance. To participate in the Builders' Legacy Society or for information on additional opportunities to underwrite the Academy, please contact the NAC offices.

