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NAWIC Atlanta Recognizes Outstanding Woman in Construction and Design at the 6th Annual Atlanta Construction Visionary Awards Banquet

Atlanta, GA, May 12, 2006 -- The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) – Atlanta Chapter will be celebrating its 6th Annual Atlanta Construction Visionary Awards Banquet June 6th from 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the beautiful Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. This event will recognize individuals for their outstanding achievements and significant contributions to promote, expand and encourage the role of women in the construction and design industry. This year's theme is "Hammering Home Progress."

There was a request for nominations for the main award of the evening, the Atlanta Construction Visionary Award. It was a very close competition due to the extraordinary women that were submitted for consideration. In the end, **Roberta "Bobbie" Unger, FAIA, Owner of The Architecture Group** was selected as this year's recipient. This award recognizes an individual that has made strides and helped pave the way for other women in the construction and design industry. "Bobbie has contributed so much to the industry that directly relates to the criteria of this award", stated Angie McElroy, Co-Chair for the Construction Visionary Awards Banquet. "She has many 'firsts' under her belt and has helped to promote other women in the industry through the AIA Atlanta netWorking Women group that she started in 2003. AIA Atlanta netWorking Women provides women, not only in design, but in other industry related fields a forum to learn more about what they can do to help support one another in this non-traditional female industry." Additionally, Bobbie Unger was the first female President of AIA Atlanta. Under her leadership, she implemented many new programs that are now executed across the country which have created a legacy for herself and AIA Atlanta and AIA Georgia. "We are very pleased to be able to present this award to Bobbie Unger. She has definitely led a very successful career in the construction and design industry and has mentored many women, without even being aware of how much she has impacted their careers as well as their lives," said Stacey Hovis, NAWIC Atlanta President. "Her name is recognized throughout the industry and we are honored to give this award to her."

This will be an extraordinary evening of cocktails, dinner, awards, networking and an exclusive silent auction. You won't want to miss the Awards Banquet. If you would like tickets or need more information about the event or sponsorship opportunities please contact Co-Chair, Angelia L. McElroy at APAC, Inc., 770-392-5406 or email at almcelroy@ashland.com.

More about the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC)

The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) was founded in 1953 by 16 women working in the construction industry. NAWIC has a membership of more than 5,500 with 179 chapters in almost every U.S. state. Since 1996, NAWIC has seen its core purpose grow internationally, with the signing of International Affiliation Agreements with NAWIC-Australia, NAWIC-New Zealand, South African Women in Construction, NAWIC-United Kingdom and in 2006, with the Canadian Women in Construction (CAWIC). In its 51 years of service to its membership, NAWIC has advanced the causes of all women in construction, from trades women to business owners.

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