Press Release

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**Dr. Carl Haas Elected to National Academy of Construction**

*Austin, TX* – The National Academy of Construction (NAC) has elected Dr. Carl Haas, the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Construction and Management of Sustainable Infrastructure at the University of Waterloo, as a new member in its 2013 class. He was inducted October 20 at the NAC Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. The 2013 class includes 25 new inductees. More than 250 industry leaders were considered for the NAC’s rigorous nomination and election process.

The NAC is composed of engineers, construction users, designers, constructors, consultants, attorneys, sureties, and academics in the industry. Membership in the Academy, one of the most elite organizations in the construction industry, is by invitation only upon nomination and election by the full membership. Qualifying achievement categories include productivity and cost effectiveness, technology, academic excellence, safety, executive leadership, working relationships, tools and equipment, communications, labor relations, and cost/schedule effectiveness. An important element of qualification is demonstration of high personal integrity and wide recognition of a nominee’s work by industry peers. In addition to being a personal honor, election to the Academy allows members to volunteer their expertise to a variety of organizations, governmental and nongovernmental, for the betterment of the industry as a whole.

Dr. Haas was recognized by the NAC for outstanding long-term contributions to the practice and science of construction technology, productivity, and workforce improvement through research and professional leadership. Much of his research, both basic and applied, centers around automation, robotics, IT, workforce safety and productivity, and project and systems management. He collaborates with individuals and organizations from academia, industry, and public agencies. His contributions include research vision development, strategic planning, and leadership.

He also is influential in the mentoring of students, and thus the future of the engineering and construction industry. Of the 31 PhDs he has supervised, 17 now are faculty members at such notable institutions as Georgia Tech, the University of Colorado-Boulder, the University of Kentucky, Virginia Tech, Inchon University (South Korea), and the National Central University (Taiwan). Dr. Haas also has supervised 65 master’s candidates to completion, and impacts the undergraduates as well by bringing his best practices research findings into the classroom.

He has published 119 refereed journal articles and been honored numerous times with awards for his teaching, his scholarship, and his research. Dr. Haas’ contributions, both in research and in the classroom, have set new standards within the academic community. His inspiring leadership influences those he mentors and collaborates with, and his impressive body of research will impact the industry at large for many years to come.

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***The National Academy of Construction, established in 1999,****is an organization of industry leaders who have made outstanding contributions to the engineering and construction industry. The goal of the Academy is to recognize these leaders for their achievements through election to the Academy.* *An additional purpose is to utilize members’ knowledge, experience, and talents in support of continuing to improve the industry. It is composed of a wide variety of industry representatives, including construction users, designers, constructors, consultants, attorneys, sureties, and academics.* *For more information on this press release, contact Rusty Haggard at 512/557-7672 or email* *bluestreakwriters@gmail.com**.*