Lane Construction’s Alger Elected to National Academy of Construction

Austin, TX – The National Academy of Construction (NAC) has elected Robert E. Alger, president and CEO of The Lane Construction Corporation, 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.

Alger, who joined Lane in 1979 after graduating from Penn State University, was recognized by the NAC for his leadership both at one of the country’s top civil construction corporations and in the construction industry. His combination of business acumen and standard of excellence has contributed to Lane’s revenues increasing from $360 million in 2001, when he became its president and CEO, to more than $1.2 billion in 2012. Lane is included in ENR’s “Top 400 Contractors” list, and has grown in geographic influence, with field offices in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

Alger personally has demonstrated an impressive commitment to advancing the industry through his involvement with numerous national and local organizations, including his service as an executive officer with the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), the Beavers, the Moles, the Construction Industry Roundtable (CIRT), ASCE’s Construction Institute, and the ACE Mentor Program. In 2012, he was appointed co-chair of Trans2020, a blue ribbon task force assembled by ARTBA to spearhead efforts to secure additional federal investment for the recently enacted highway and transit program law, MAP-21, and to work with federal, state, and local agencies on the implementation of the law.

Industry and academic awards pay testament to his effectiveness as a leader and innovator in the industry. Penn State recognized him with its Outstanding Engineering Alumni Award in 2006, and in 2011 he received the prestigious Moles Member Award. In 2012, he was named the ASCE Distinguished Member Honoree for his leadership, service, and for demonstrating values and conduct as a role model for young civil engineers. He was among the recipients of ASCE’s distinguished OPAL (Outstanding
Projects and Leadership) Awards in 2013, honoring his sustained contributions in the area of construction. The NAC recognizes Alger’s tremendous leadership skills and his unselfish service that add to the growth and the effectiveness of Lane and the entire construction industry.

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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.