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Edd Gibson First Recipient of Richard L. Tucker Outstanding Service Award

Austin, TX — The National Academy of Construction has announced Edd Gibson, professor and Sunstate Chair in Construction Management and Engineering at Arizona State University, is the first recipient of the Richard L. Tucker Outstanding Service Award.

NAC established the award in 2020 to honor an individual whose support of NAC over a sustained period of time has enabled NAC to grow and prosper. The Academy chose to name the award in honor of Richard L. Tucker, its founder. He personally led the establishment of NAC in 1999 as a way to recognize those in the engineering, design, and construction industries who have made significant contributions over a career.

“Richard is the visionary of the Academy,” said Wayne Crew, NAC General Secretary. “With this award, we have made a lasting legacy of our appreciation for him.”

Gibson was selected based on his contributions to the Academy over the past 15 years. He was inducted in 2005 for “significant contributions in pre-project planning, risk assessment, and dispute avoidance and resolution, and research and continuing education.” Since then, he has served as the co-chair and principal author of the NAC National Construction Forum, which eventually



resulted in the Academy's Executive Insight essays. He helped organize the NAC summit at ASU with the National Association of Public Administrators. For the past two years he and his wife, Gail, have led the Academy's auction fundraising activity. Gibson currently participates as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and chairs the Academy's first Scholarship Committee that recently granted three awards to college students studying for a future in the design and construction industry. He also serves on the Development and Annual Meeting committees.

"This is a tremendous honor, particularly because Richard mentored me early in my career and provided me with many opportunities and much advice," Gibson said. "I'm thrilled and especially proud to receive this award named for Richard because of all he's done for the Academy and for the industry."

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The National Academy of Construction, established in 1999, is an organization of industry leaders—construction users, engineers, designers, constructors, consultants, attorneys, sureties, editors, and academics—who have made outstanding, life-long contributions to the design, construction, and engineering industries. 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.

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