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Northwest College of Construction Staff Receive Governor Appointments, Awards and New Certifications

PORTLAND, OR – When it comes to education and continual professional development, the staff at NWCC walks the talk. **Tim Mosterdyke, Director of Education** at the Northwest College of Construction, has been appointed to the **HB 2732 Career and Technical Collaboration Education Task Force** as a representative for private career schools. Mosterdyke, a former contractor, high school shop teacher, and current grad student majoring in Post-Secondary, Adult and Career Education, is responsible for NWCC's curriculum development and scheduling, and is one of three National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Master Trainers on the west coast.

Dan Graham, President of the Northwest College of Construction, is this year's recipient of the **Carol A. Kueker Construction Education Visionary Award**. This award, given by the **National Association of Women in Construction**, recognizes individuals who have worked aggressively to promote construction as a viable career path through training and education.

Dan's journey to this prestigious national award has been roundabout. His career began as a marine construction worker for Star Fish Marine on the Columbia River. Unfortunately, the company went bankrupt at which point Dan completed his education with a Masters Degree from Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California. After completion of his Masters Degree, Dan worked for the Oregon Employment Department for three years before becoming the Training Coordinator for Steps to Success. Sixteen years ago he moved to the Associated General Contractors where he was responsible for the chapter's apprenticeships and training. It was at AGC, where Dan envisioned the Northwest College of Construction as a learning center for professional construction workers.

In addition to being the administrator for the Northwest College of Construction, Dan also serves on the Boards of three other institutions including the Oregon Building Congress, the ACE Academy, and the Associated General Contractors.

Dan's efforts have raised the bar for education in the skilled trades both in terms of quantity and quality, at a time when funding for training has been slashed across the board, Dan's hard work and vision have resulted in more and better training opportunities for working people, and an improved workforce for the construction industry.

Doug Wiser, NWCC Safety Instructor. Doug Wiser, a project manager for construction management firm Milstead & Associates, has recently renewed his certification with a week long course conducted by the

Occupational Safety & Health Association (OSHA) Training Institute. The Course, #500, is considered a **Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards**. This certification provides an overview of the most hazardous and referenced standards in the construction industry.

Jim Koehn, NWCC Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Instructor. Jim recently received the **Educational Program in Instructor Certification (EPIC)** from the **Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)**. This certification qualifies Jim to teach test preparation courses for the topics covered in ACCA's courses; each covering a different aspect of designing, installing or maintaining a building's HVAC system.

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The Northwest College of Construction provides top-notch craft, technical, supervisory and management training to cultivate a professional and dedicated construction workforce. The College was founded by the following industry associations: Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Pacific Northwest Chapter, Associated General Contractors Oregon Columbia Chapter, Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland and National Utility Contractors Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington. For more information please visit www.nwcoc.com.

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