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BUILDERS ASSOCIATION PROUD TO GIVE OUT

COMMUNITY BUILDER, CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

ROSEMONT, IL – A life dedicated to construction safety, a career spent educating the industry’s future workforce and a company that has literally made its name on community involvement were honored during the **Builders Association’s Annual Meeting** Thursday, December 3 at The Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago.

The Builders Association was proud to confer **Community Builder Awards** on Chicagoland Construction Safety Council Executive Director Tom Broderick and ACE Technical Charter High School Executive Director Geri Harston. Ujamaa Construction, Inc. was named the recipient of the **Corporate Citizenship Award**. In addition to the awards, several companies were honored for significant milestone anniversaries with the Association and keynote speeches were delivered by **Governor Pat Quinn** and incoming AGC of America President **Ted Aadland**.

The Community Builder Award honors individuals whose vision and leadership have been crucial in helping the construction industry in Chicago move forward.

Tom Broderick has been the Executive Director of the Safety Council since its inception in 1989. He has dedicated himself to safety as a construction worker, co-owner of a small construction company and as a safety professional. Broderick also the Director of the Annual Construction Safety Conference & Exposition in Rosemont, the largest educational gathering in the country focused solely on construction health and safety issues.

Geri Harston is helping to create a path to productive careers in the architecture, construction and engineering fields for minority and low-income youth. As ACE Tech’s Executive Director, she oversees operations at a school where the mission is not only to educate students, but to prepare them for apprenticeships, post-secondary education and prolonged, successful careers in the building industry.

The Corporate Citizenship Award honors a Builders Association member firm for its philanthropic contributions and steadfast dedication to community service.

Ujamaa Construction's name is rooted in the Swahili word for the Tanzanian concept of people working together. You'd be hard pressed to find a company in the Chicago area that brings that concept to life more than Ujamaa, which in addition to continuing to be a dependable general contractor, has made community involvement a major part of its operational philosophy.

In existence since 2002, Ujamaa Construction, Inc. has been a major sponsor of several festivals in inner-city communities, such as the 79th Street Renaissance Festival, 21st Ward Summer Festival and the 17th Ward Christmas Toy Giveaway. Additionally, Ujamaa participates in the Chicago Public School Ground Hog Day Program, where students are matched with employers representing industries they want to be in and spend the day shadowing those employers. Ujamaa works with minority advocate groups to recruit minority-owned and women-owned businesses to participate in projects, and routinely exceeds City of Chicago standards for diversity and community residency.

The Builders Association thanks McGraw-Hill Construction for serving as the Platinum Sponsor for this yearly event, which was also sponsored by:

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- DLZ Industrial Surveying (Silver Sponsor)
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- GradeBeam (Silver Sponsor)
- International Union of Operating Engineers (Silver Sponsor)
- RSM McGladrey (Bronze Sponsor)

The **Builders Association** has been serving the commercial construction industry since 1906 with services regarding labor, safety, government relations and other areas. Builders Association members include the leading general contractors and suppliers in the Chicagoland construction industry.