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Bob Beckner Honored with Prestigious “William Davis Award”

GREENSBORO, NC, – **The Steel Erectors Association of America (SEAA)** honored **Bob A. Beckner**, a principal with Peterson Beckner Industries, Inc., with the William Davis Award during the Association’s Awards Dinner celebration in San Antonio, TX.

The William Davis Award, the association’s most prestigious honor, is awarded annually to recognize individuals who have performed long-term, notable and distinguished service to the association and the steel erection industry. Beckner was nominated by his colleagues for attaining a pinnacle of success within the steel erection industry. Beckner expressed his appreciation, saying, “I’m proud of this association, which has remained close to its roots and its mission by assisting people in the steel industry and helping everybody from the small, family-owned erector to the industry’s largest .”

SEAA President Chip Pocock commented, “We congratulate Bob for his outstanding contribution to the steel erection industry.”

Beckner has had a successful and distinguished 35 -year career in the structural steel industry, including four years with an Australian company overseeing projects throughout Australia, and Southeast Asia. He currently serves as Senior Vice President of Peterson Beckner Industries, Inc., a Houston-based steel construction company that specializes in high-rises, bridges, airports, power plants, process facilities, convention centers and sports facilities across the USA and Puerto Rico.

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Under Bob's direction in construction project management, his firm has erected the steel and/or precast concrete structures for CenturyTel Center - Bossier City, LA; Latitude One - Miami, FL; Abbott Labs - Puerto Rico; and Austin Bergstrom Airport Terminal - Austin, TX. A few of Bob's company projects in the Dallas area include the Nokia Theatre, Infomart Dallas and the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center located at Lake Grapevine.

Throughout his career, Beckner has demonstrated superior knowledge and professional expertise, serving as a director on several professional boards including those of the American Institute of Steel Construction and the Steel Erectors Association of America also chairing numerous committees during his 14 years of membership in SEAA. Beckner served as President of the Steel Erectors Association of America from 1999-2000.

Bob graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, where he played football and was known as "Ironman" Beckner, for his summer ironworking and his lineman's skills. He and his wife Joy have two children and live in the Dallas area.

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