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## **JD Flaherty, Jr. Recipient of 2014 Builders Exchange Cornerstone Award**

*President of CSI honored with lifetime achievement awards from two of Ohio's top construction industry associations.*

Columbus, Ohio – November 21, 2014 – This week JD Flaherty, Jr., President of Construction Systems Inc., was presented with the Cornerstone Award from the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio (BX). Last week Flaherty was honored with the Pinnacle Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Associated General Contractors of Ohio (AGC). Flaherty is the first individual to receive both awards.

Flaherty was presented with the 2014 Builders Exchange of Central Ohio Cornerstone Award during the 122<sup>nd</sup> Builders Exchange Annual Meeting at the Aladdin Shrine Center.

The Cornerstone Award is the Builders Exchange's highest individual honor. It recognizes the winner for his leadership contributions to the community, the industry and the Exchange and has been given annually since 1954.



*(L. to R.) Cathy Blackford, JD Flaherty, Jr., John Igel*

Flaherty was selected to receive the Cornerstone Award by the BX board of directors based on achievements in the following areas: BX Involvement, Industry Involvement, Industry Impact, Community Involvement and Years of Service to the Industry.

### **JD Flaherty, Jr.**

An active BX member since 1972, Flaherty's involvement has included serving as a champion for the BX Rising Leaders Institute program, a member of BX task forces and co-chair of the BX Green Programs Work Group. He was a multi-year instructor of the BX "Overview of Estimating" course in the 1980s, and

served as the first chair of the Cornerstone Award Committee from 1997 to 2003. Flaherty was a participant in the BX Safety Exchange and remains active in the Safety Council of Greater Columbus.

In addition to his BX involvement, Flaherty serves on the Construction Systems Management Industry Advisory Committee for The Ohio State University. His involvement has been instrumental in furthering the resource development and marketing of the program.

As president of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) in 2008 and 2009, Flaherty assisted with various community service projects. While president at IFMA, he created an eight week LEED AP preparatory course that resulted in 23 of the 30 participants achieving LEED AP O & M status.



JD Flaherty, Jr., LEED AP

Under Flaherty's leadership, Construction Systems Inc. has been awarded four Build Ohio Awards from AGC and five BX Craftsmanship Awards.

Flaherty is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University and resides in Upper Arlington with his wife, Susan.

**About the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio:**

*With more than 700 member firms, the Builders Exchange is the state's largest local trade association for commercial construction. Its members represent the entire spectrum of the industry: owners and developers, architects and engineers, general and specialty contractors, suppliers and providers of business services such as law firms, banks and insurance companies. Founded in 1892, the Exchange is known for its programs in safety training, professional education and leadership development. Its mission is to advance the local community of construction through communication, education, services and industry recognition.*

**About Construction Systems Inc.:**

*Construction Systems Inc. (CSI) is a commercial general trades and specialties subcontractor and a leading facilities renovation contractor. CSI serves central and southeastern Ohio from its headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. CSI self-performs general trades work and is one of central Ohio's largest employers of skilled craftsmen. CSI has completed over 15,000 projects and worked in most of the buildings in the Columbus skyline. For more information about any of CSI's service offerings, projects or company contacts visit [www.ConSysOhio.com](http://www.ConSysOhio.com) or call 614-252-0708.*

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