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BIAW Announces 2018 Hall of Fame Recipient

The Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW) is proud to announce Art Castle as the 2018 Hall of Fame inductee. Castle, former executive vice president of BIAW, received the award during a ceremony held Nov. 14, 2018, at the BIAW fall board meeting at the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Art Castle was honored for three decades of working to support the industry at the local, state and national level.

Over the course of his career, he introduced numerous initiatives as executive vice president of BIAW, Kitsap Building Association and Building Industry Association of Whatcom County. In his various roles at the state level, he initiated the Unlicensed Contractor Task Force resulting in passage of new statewide legislation; initiated green building programs in Washington state with the award-winning 1997 launch of Build a Better Kitsap (now Built Green); originated grants to help develop low impact development standards in his area; and created an award-winning demonstration site for low impact development techniques.

At the national level, he assisted the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) with the legal standing in the joint lawsuit against the Marine Fisheries Service over the Critical Habitat for salmon, which resulted in significantly smaller critical habitat.

Over the years, he has also served as a speaker and panelist at national executive officer conferences and pursued certification as an educator to teach various industry topics. He has also served in countless leadership roles, including as chair of BIAW's Executive Officers' Council in 1994 and 1998 and led efforts to develop a Washington state tax guide for local associations. In addition, he has participated on numerous organization and citizen committees to educate and advocate on policies and regulations impacting the home building profession.

As the executive vice president of BIAW for eight years, Castle also played an instrumental part in turning around the state association. In 2011, he helped manage pending legal issues, reduced budgets, falling membership and the impacts of the recession. Later, he helped BIAW return to strong revenues and membership levels, rebuilt solid programs and reestablished relationships.

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For his commitment and service, Castle has been honored with 21 awards for his accomplishments, including the prestigious NAHB 2017 Seldon Hale Career Achievement award for his outstanding dedication and management of home builders associations.

Castle, who retired from BIAW in 2018, has been invaluable to the home building industry and has secured his place in the BIAW Hall of Fame.

The BIAW Hall of Fame recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to BIAW and the housing industry in Washington state. Nominations were submitted by the state's local home builders associations.

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Known as the "champions of affordable housing," the Building Industry Association of Washington is the largest trade association in Washington state representing nearly 8,000 member companies involved in the home building industry.