



# NAC Press Release

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## Jeff Ehret Elected to National Academy of Construction

Austin, TX — The National Academy of Construction has elected Jeff Ehret, CEO of The PENTA Building Group, Las Vegas, NV, as a member of its class of 2021. He will be formally inducted October 21 during the NAC annual meeting.

In electing Ehret, NAC cited him as an “experienced leader at project and executive levels both domestically and internationally with important contributions in labor relations, apprenticeship training, and academia.”

Wayne Crew, General Secretary of the Academy, said, “Our 2021 class is diverse, experienced, and dedicated. Jeff Ehret is a most deserving new member. His career and his contributions to the industry and to academia are especially noteworthy. We welcome him.”

Other new members for 2021 include Joseph Aiello, Burcu Akinci, Jon Avery, Burçin Becerik-Gerber, Denise Berger, Susan Bogus, Abbigail Brown, Tim Byers, Bo Calbert, Randy Castro, Cheryl McKissack Daniel, Marcos Díaz González, Christine Flaherty, Thomas Foley, Gretchen Gagel, and Michael Garvin.

Also elected to the Academy were: Howard Goldberg, KN Gunalan, Sandy Hamby, John Hooper, Barb Jackson, Ashok Kothari, Robert Lanham, Jr., Randy Larson, Cris Liban, Keith Manning, Pat Michels, Vilas Mujumdar, Eric Nichol, Karen Rae, Mike Rigsby, Janaka Ruwanpura, Richard Schrader, Miroslaw Skibniewski, Ed Smith, Sue Steele, and Rao Surampalli.

Election criteria for NAC is rigorous: leadership, exceptional service, a continued commitment to making a contribution, past recognition by peers for innovation, and being recognized as “best of the best.”

Ehret is one of the three original founders of The PENTA Building Group. He has helped lead PENTA to now have over 200 salaried employees, with offices in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Phoenix. He began his career with the Perini subsidiary, Mardian, in Phoenix as a project engineer. He worked upward through project assignments to the executive level, ultimately serving as vice president of operations for the Western U.S. for Perini. He also garnered international experience with the company, overseeing execution of all overseas projects in Africa, South America, and the Pacific Rim. With over 20 years at Penta, he has seen the company’s portfolio expand to numerous markets, including hotel/resort, healthcare, Native American, sports facilities, industrial, mining, and others across the U.S. He is a trustee of Arizona State University and serves on the executive board of Construction in Indian Country. Ehret earned a bachelor’s degree in construction and an MBA from Arizona State University.



*The National Academy of Construction, established in 1999, is an organization of industry leaders that recognizes those who have made outstanding, life-long contributions to the design and construction industry. For more information on this press release, contact Rusty Haggard at 512/557-7672 or email [ahaqqard99@gmail.com](mailto:ahaqqard99@gmail.com).*