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Catherine DeDecker Named Construction Woman of the Year



Detroit, MI (July 16, 2006) - - Catherine M. DeDecker, P.S. was recently named Construction Woman of the Year by the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). DeDecker is Vice President, Survey Project Manager and the Office Manager for the Trenton, Michigan branch office of Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. (SDA), a Detroit-based civil engineering and surveying firm.

“We agree with the NAWIC,” said David Lakin, P.E. president of SDA. “Cathy has really set the standard in her profession. She is a tremendous asset to us at SDA and is continually bringing a fresh perspective and an unsurpassed personal dedication to the firm’s plans and objectives.”

As a member of the SDA Board of Directors, Cathy helps set the path for the firm’s future success.

DeDecker began her career with SDA in 1985 and was named by the SDA Board as an Associate in 1997. In 2006, she was named Vice President when elected to the company’s Board of Directors. She was recently appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to a four year term on the State Board of Land Surveyors.

DeDecker graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Land Surveying in 1998 from Michigan Technological University (MTU). In 1999, she successfully passed the Michigan licensing exam and passed the Ohio licensing exam in 2005. She is a member of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) and has served as Past-President, President, Vice President, Director, and Chapter Representative of the Southeast Chapter.

She has served on the Act 299 exam committee as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) and as a member of the Advisory committee to the MTU Land Surveying Program and to the Macomb Community College Surveying Program. DeDecker is currently serving as Director and Liaison to the Membership Committee for CREW-Detroit (Commercial Real Estate Women).

The NAWIC is dedicated to enhancing the success of women in the primarily male-dominated construction industry. In it’s nearly 50 years of service, NAWIC has advanced the causes of all women in construction from business owners to tradeswomen. NAWIC has a membership of more than 5,800 individuals with close to 200 chapters in almost every State and Canada. The Detroit

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Chapter is the largest in Region 4, which consists of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Established in 1954, Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc. is an engineering consulting firm specializing in infrastructure, land development and surveying. With offices in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Trenton, Michigan, SDA is an employee owned and ISO certified organization that provides design and engineering solutions for municipal, land development, transportation and water/wastewater projects. The firm also offers complete construction engineering and land surveying & mapping services.

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