

**Introduction Statement by Mayor Paul D. Pate, Member – Designate
Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences**

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It is an honor to introduce myself to the United States Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. My name is Paul D. Pate and I am the Mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I am a nominee for the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

This personal milestone is made possible by a family effort. Although they couldn't join me today in person, I am who I am because of the absolute support and love of my wife Jane, my children Jennifer, Amber and Paul III, my grandson Brandon, my parents Paul Sr. and Velma and my entire family, which God has blessed me with.

My parents provided me the strong values of working hard to achieve dreams and giving back for the good of the community. Serving the public through elected office and pursuing other opportunities to reach out through business ownership are two ways I have acted on the foundation they gave me. These two kinds of professional experiences are the leading qualifications I bring as a nominee to the National Institute of Building Sciences.

I have the honor of being Mayor of Iowa's greatest and strongest city – Cedar Rapids. Prior to serving as Mayor, I served as Iowa's Secretary of State and a State Senator, totaling more than 11 years of executive and legislative experience at the state and local government levels.

I am a third generation builder with 27 years' experience in the professional development trade. I currently own Pate Asphalt/PM Systems Corporation. Thanks to the foundation of the values instilled in me by my father and grandfather, I worked my way from the ground up and still work to complete the highest quality work. This family tradition means I offer a firsthand understanding of the perspective of builders to the National Institute of Building Sciences.

I am qualified to serve in this position not just because of my private business and government service experience, but also because I view the position as an opportunity to do my best, keep moving forward and help create common benefit through effective partnerships. I listen attentively to all perspectives offered, which allows me to be a proactive team member on this Board of Directors.

If confirmed, I will actively engage myself in all aspects of the Institute's public mission to improve the building regulatory environment, facilitate technology introduction and disseminate information. In fact, I have already started this process in my community.

For example, I founded the Mayor's Development and Building Task Force in Cedar Rapids last year. The group is a successful case study that may be replicated in other areas of the country. The group meets to streamline the processes local businesses must face when they are expanding

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their physical footprint. I know this has a great impact on keeping economic development moving forward.

In closing, I would like to thank President George W. Bush for this nomination, and appreciate the Senate's consideration of my confirmation for this position. I look forward to applying my passion for service if confirmed for this position.

As a leader and former President I admire, Teddy Roosevelt once said, "The first requisite of a good citizen in this republic of ours is that he shall be able and willing to pull his weight."

If confirmed, I will carry the honor and personal responsibility this statement implies forward, applying the best of myself as a Board of Director with the National Institute of Building Sciences.

I would appreciate your support of my nomination and stand ready to answer any questions and listen to any guidance. Thank you.