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**California Homebuilding Foundation Named Beneficiary of
Building Standards Institute Dissolution**

Sacramento, CA – April 24, 2024 – After decades of serving the homebuilding industry, the Building Standards Institute (BSI), a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to consumer education in residential construction, has ceased operations and closed its doors. Originally founded by David MacLellan and subsequently led by Glen Martin, Pacific InterWest CEO, after David's passing, the organization's objective has been to provide consumers with up-to-date and unbiased information on a range of subjects such as building performance standards, code alterations, maintenance tips, and the latest advancements in residential construction products.

The California Homebuilding Foundation is delighted to announce that it has been designated as the recipient of BSI's remaining assets. These assets will be utilized to support the Donald Chaiken Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA), an educational curriculum focused on construction operated by the California Homebuilding Foundation at the high school level.

The generous donation from the BSI will provide vital resources to enhance the BITA program, creating broader opportunities for construction training, mentorships, internships, and employment within the building and construction industry. The grant will be allocated to the Foundation to exclusively support a range of hands-on and instructional training, scholarships, workforce development initiatives, internship programs, and related activities within the BITA program.

"We are truly honored and thrilled at the prospect of carrying on the legacy of workforce development training with the generous support of industry supporters like the Building Standards Institute," stated Terri Brunson, Executive Director of the California Homebuilding Foundation. "The alignment of the Foundation's mission and vision with that of BSI's, represents a significant opportunity to continue nurturing educational programs that resonate with high school students. This is especially vital during this pivotal time for the homebuilding industry, where workforce development plays a crucial role in shaping our future labor force and ensuring housing affordability. This partnership reinforces our dedication to preparing the next generation of builders and addressing the urgent needs of our industry."

For more information about the California Homebuilding Foundation and BITA program, please visit www.myhcf.org

About California Homebuilding Foundation: The California Homebuilding Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the homebuilding industry in California through scholarships, workforce development programs, research, and educational initiatives. For over 40 years, the Foundation has been committed to supporting the next generation of builders and shaping the future of the homebuilding industry.

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