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Lanford Brothers Inducted into Transportation Development Hall of Fame *Jack and Stan Lanford cited for Industry Leadership*

ROANOKE, Va. (November 11, 2010) – Jack and Stan Lanford, founders of a family-run highway and bridge contractor, have been inducted into nation’s highest place of honor in the transportation design and construction industry.

The Lanfords, who began the employee-owned company 50 years ago, have joined the American Road & Transportation Builders Association Transportation Development Foundation Hall of Fame, which honors individuals or families from the public and private sectors who have made extraordinary contributions to U.S. transportation development during their careers.

The committee of judges included nine construction industry journalists who reviewed the nominees and selected the Hall’s inaugural class, which included the Lanfords.

“The transportation design and construction industry is full of visionaries and game changers like the Lanford brothers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership over their lifetime and played an important role in helping shape development of America’s transportation network,” said ARTBA-TDF Chairman Leo Vecellio, chairman and chief executive officer of Vecellio Group, Inc., in West Palm Beach, Fla. “The Hall is our way of giving these individuals the recognition they deserve and sharing their stories with the general public and elected officials so they better understand the importance of strong transportation investment.”

Through their generous contributions of personal time, leadership and financial support, the Lanford family has taken the notion of “giving back” to the industry to a new level and provided a benchmark for others to follow. Brothers Stan and Jack Lanford, after starting Lanford Brothers Co. and working together for more than 25 years, were very successful, long-time chief executives at their respective firms, Lanford Brothers Company and Adams Construction.

The fact that both were elected by their industry peers nationally to serve as ARTBA chairman (Jack in 1991 and Stan in 1999), and as president of ARTBA’s state chapter affiliate, known today as the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance, speaks volumes about the men. During their careers, both testified before the U.S. Congress on transportation investment and policy issues.

The Lanford family’s biggest—and most enduring—legacy on the industry, however, is their creation and endowment of the Highway Worker Memorial Scholarship fund in 1999. This first-of-its-kind program, which has become a national model replicated by other groups, provides post-high school financial assistance to the children of highway workers killed or permanently disabled on the job. Today, it is supported by contributions from industry firms, state transportation departments and labor unions. Because of the Lanford family’s generosity, nearly 100 scholarships have been given to worthy students from around America and made their educational futures brighter.

ABOUT LANFORD BROTHERS

Celebrating 50 years of service, Lanford Brothers is a specialty contractor providing turnkey service in the Mid-Atlantic region. The company has a solid reputation for reliability and workmanship in bridge repairs, asphalt and concrete milling, guardrails, highway signs and latex overlays. To learn more, visit www.LanfordBrothers.com.

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