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Kinney Construction Services, Inc. - Arizona Forward 50th Anniversary Award Recipient

Kinney Construction Services, Inc. (KCS) is honored to announce that the firm has been chosen as a recipient of Arizona Forward's 50th Anniversary Award, presented by Arizona Forward at the 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards this past Saturday at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. The award was presented to three companies throughout Arizona, the northern, central, and southern regions, for their commitment to sustainability in the Grand Canyon State. Awardees include KCS, northern region recipient; Valley Metro, central region recipient; and Cox Media; southern region recipient. Additional Flagstaff recipients of the night included Coconino County's Forest Restoration Service Initiative, receiving the coveted President's Award; Mother Road Brewing Company, receiving an Award of Distinction under the Governor's Award for Arizona's Future category, for their Conserve and Protect Golden Ale project; and the City of Flagstaff for their Flagstaff's Carbon Neutrality Project, receiving an Award of Distinction under the category of Climate Action Solutions.

CEO and Founder of KCS, Tim Kinney, stated while accepting the award that "It's an honor to be given the opportunity to construct sustainably throughout the great state of Arizona. That wouldn't happen without the forward-thinking project owners and to those parties, I thank you. Every sustainably constructed building sets a new standard for those to come. We've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. Thank you to all project owners for putting Arizona on the path towards a more sustainable future".

When KCS initially opened their doors 23 years ago, founder Tim Kinney intentionally and thoughtfully embraced environmental stewardship and adopted a sustainability mindset in all areas of operation. Tim was one of the first individuals in northern Arizona to become a LEED Accredited Professional (AP), an honor he earned back in 2003. Soon after, Mike Thomas, KCS President, earned his LEED AP BD+C (Building Design + Construction) designation. Tim's commitment to environmental excellence extends to his current roles of service as a member of the Board of Directors for Arizona Forward and Chair of the Northern Arizona Chapter.

KCS applauds the innovative leadership of their clients and their shared commitment to maximizing sustainability in the built environment. The City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Mountain Line, the Museum of Northern Arizona, Northern Arizona Healthcare and Northern Arizona University are several partners of KCS that embody environmental excellence and leadership. Together, KCS, their clients, and industry partners are shaping the perspective of what is possible, desired, and expected when it comes to sustainable design and construction.

KCS's celebrated mindset – what challenges us, inspires us – has led to a multitude of sustainability best practices in their office and on their jobsites. At the higher level, this includes creating a holistic, integrated strategy that considers sustainability in every process from start to finish. Artfully engrained in their company culture, KCS leaves no stone unturned in their quest to continuously improve ways to deliver facilities that are high performing and resource efficient; projects that align and complement their clients' and communities' sustainability goals; and inspire positive action throughout their industry and beyond.

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Mike Thomas, KCS President, remarked at the 2022 Environmental Excellence Awards that, "It is incredible to see the amount of commitment there is towards sustainability in the state of Arizona. KCS is honored and proud to be amongst so many environmentally dedicated companies and community leaders".

Looking back, KCS respects how far their industry has advanced in the past 20+ years. Looking ahead, KCS is committed to further strengthening their efforts to advance, advocate, educate, and innovate sustainable building. With a celebrated passion to leave the world better than they found it; KCS, their clients, and industry partners are **Building Better Together**, for current and future generations.

About KCS: Kinney Construction Services, Inc. (KCS) is a premier construction services firm specializing in commercial building construction and renovation, civil construction, and renewable energy projects. With a passion for building, KCS serves Municipal, Education, Healthcare, Commercial Office, Hospitality, Real Estate Development, Retail, and Industrial clients. With a commitment to service excellence, KCS cultivates lasting client, community, and industry partnerships. Inspired by continuous improvement, KCS positively impacts projects through creative and innovative solutions. And they have fun doing it.

Select KCS projects that demonstrate their client's sustainability commitment includes:

- **Museum of Northern Arizona - Easton Collection Center;** LEED Platinum certified by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The Easton Collection Center was the recipient of McGraw Hill Companies' top national award in the Green Building category.
- **Northern Arizona University - International Pavilion;** LEED Platinum certified by the USGBC and Flagstaff's first Net Zero-Energy Commercial Facility. The International Pavilion earned the coveted President's Award (Best of Show) and the Crescordia Award in the 36th Annual Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Awards presented by SRP.
- **City of Flagstaff - Municipal Court Facility;** Three Green Globes certified by the Green Building Initiative. The new Court Facility was the first Green Globes certified municipal building in northern Arizona.

About Arizona Forward: Arizona Forward is a non-profit organization that is leading the charge for sustainability in Arizona. With over 50 years of experience, Arizona Forward leverages a collective voice to address critical sustainability challenges and develop holistic solutions. Their mission includes bringing Arizona businesses and civic leaders together to promote efforts to improve the environmental sustainability and economic vitality of the state.

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