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USG Corporation's Richard C. Master Elected to the 2017 American Institute of Architects' College of Fellows

USG's senior manager of sustainability receives esteemed recognition for his significant contributions to profession of architecture and society

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 28, 2017-- USG Corporation (NYSE: USG), an industry-leading manufacturer of building products and innovative solutions, is pleased to announce that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) has inducted USG's Richard (Rik) C. Master, Senior Manager of Sustainability, FAIA, CSI and LEED AP, to its esteemed College of Fellows. The fellowship recognizes architects who have achieved a level of excellence in the profession through making significant contributions to the communities they serve.

"Rik Master has guided his peers for decades, providing leadership and expertise that has advanced the built environment and many green building initiatives," said Al Zucco, Vice President of Sustainable Supply Chain for United States Gypsum Company, a subsidiary of USG Corporation. "In everything he does, Rik works to address our customers' concerns while ensuring the architecture community is building sustainable and high-performance spaces that improve people's lives."

Master is known in the construction industry as the "plaster expert" and is often consulted by architects and contractors around the world. In the more than 40 years that Master has dedicated to the science of buildings, he has made a profound difference in championing the use of green materials in specifications. He has been a trusted resource to the architectural community and has created tools and materials that have become industry standards. Since 1990, over 50,000 design professionals have been trained in USG's Continuing Education program which Master created and USG became one of the first AIA Registered Providers.

"I am deeply honored that my peers have acknowledged my contribution to the construction profession through my elevation into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects," said Master. "The real value of knowledge is sharing it with peers. I take pride in working with architects to build better, more efficient buildings with less of an environmental impact on the community."

Master was one of 178 AIA members around the country elevated to the College of Fellows this year. He is an active member of AIA, holding the roles of strategic councilor for the national organization and president of the 2016 AIA Illinois chapter. In 2008, AIA Chicago appointed him President of the Board of Directors—the first representative of a manufacturing company to hold the title. In addition to AIA, he is involved in a number of industry organizations, including the Construction Specifications Institute, U.S. Green Building Council, Building Envelope Council, Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings, the Health Product Declaration Collaborative and Chicago's Sustainability Leadership Forum.

Approximately three percent of AIA's 90,000 members are recognized as fellows. Fellowship in the AIA is an honor bestowed on those who have made outstanding contributions to the profession through design excellence, contributions in the field of architectural education, or to the advancement of the profession. The 2017 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2017 in Orlando on April 28, 2017.

About USG Corporation

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About The American Institute of Architects

Founded in 1857, the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through nearly 300 state and local chapters, the AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world.

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