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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AWARDS
TO HONOR PETER W. BLACKMAN AND CURTIS D. WILLIAMS WITH
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

***Event celebrates L.A.'s builders of distinction;
Harold M. Williams to receive Ira Yellin Distinguished Achievement Award***

- WHO:** More than 400 construction industry/architecture professionals will honor three individuals for their contributions to the built environment of L.A.
- WHAT:** Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
71st Annual Construction Industry Awards
- WHEN:** **Thursday, Oct. 5**
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Millennium Biltmore Hotel, 506 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles
- WHY:** This year's event honors the University of California, Los Angeles, the University of Southern California and the Getty Center for their achievements in thinking ahead and planning for growth. These treasured cultural and academic institutions have excelled not only in developing master plans that have allowed their organizations to flourish, but also in creating iconic spaces in L.A.'s landscape that have enhanced their neighborhoods and grown with the community.

Harold M. Williams will receive the Ira Yellin Distinguished Achievement Award, presented to an individual or group whose body of work reflects the values of Ira E. Yellin, combining social, aesthetic and economic goals to improve the built environment and to unite the diverse and dispersed communities of Los Angeles. Williams is of counsel at law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP. He is also President Emeritus of the J. Paul Getty Trust in Los Angeles, a charitable trust devoted to the arts and humanities, with an endowment in excess of \$5.1 billion. Williams was president and CEO of the trust from 1981 to 1998. Under his leadership, the programs of the trust were established and the Getty Center in Los Angeles was created. Prior to assuming his position with the trust in May, 1981, Williams served nearly four years as chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C.

The event will also honor **Peter W. Blackman** and **Curtis D. Williams** with Lifetime Achievement Awards, presented to individuals who have made an

exceptional contribution in this field. During his 25-year career at UCLA, Administrative Vice Chancellor Peter Blackman has been responsible for physical development of the campus, engaging the construction or retrofit of 20 million square feet of campus buildings, reconstructing the campus infrastructure and overall execution of the campus Capital Program from financial, master planning, urban design, campus detailing and quality-of-life points of view. As vice president for Campus Development and Facilities Management at the University of Southern California, Curtis Williams is responsible for all capital construction, land use planning and facilities management on the university's two Los Angeles campuses—the University Park Campus and the Health Sciences Campus. Before joining USC, he worked for the J. Paul Getty Trust from 1991 to 2003 where he oversaw the construction and operation of the Getty Center, a 1.2 billion dollar project.

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