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Pete began his full-time career with Messer in 1972 after four years of co-opping. He received a bachelor of science in Civil Engineering from the University of Cincinnati in 1972. In 1989, Pete led negotiations with the Messer family which resulted in the purchase of all outstanding Messer stock by management and employees. In January 1990, at the completion of the buyout transaction, he was named president and chief executive officer. On January 1, 2005, Messer's board of directors elected Pete chairman and chief executive officer. Today he serves as Chairman and CEO of Messer, Inc., the parent company for Messer Financial Services and Messer Construction Company.

Pete continues to be engaged daily at Messer. He is focusing upon leveraging Messer's unique employee ownership structure and upon building shareholder value. Pete leads by example Messer's commitment to invest in and give back to the communities where Messer employees live and work. He serves on the boards of various organizations including the Greater Cincinnati Foundation and ArtsWave. His professional service focuses upon education, workforce development and innovation. Pete serves as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of Cleveland, Cincinnati Branch and on the Board of Directors of Construction Software Technology.

Messer Construction Co. is a construction manager and general contractor providing leadership for complex commercial building projects. Founded in 1932, Messer has built a premier reputation through outstanding construction experiences and value with a focus on health care, higher education and life sciences. An employee-owned company, Messer ranks nationally as one of the Top 100 largest contractors as well as a Top 40 green contractor. In fiscal year 2011, Messer put in place approximately \$558 million in commercial construction. The combination of employee ownership, long-term planning, investment in process improvement and their people has resulted in consistent, metered and sustainable growth and ensures future generations of Messer builders.

Business Leaders United for Workforce Partnerships is comprised of employers from a range of industries who are concerned about our nation's skills gap, who are working with local partners to train and hire community residents for skilled jobs, and who want our country's policymakers to follow suit and invest, aggressively and effectively, in the skills of America's workers. BLU is an initiative of National Skills Coalition, National Fund for Workforce Solutions, Skills for America's Future and Corporate Voices for Working Families. Learn more at: www.nationalskillscoalition.org/BLU.