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MICHAEL ROLBAND RECEIVES NAIOP NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER'S 2001 MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

*FIRST TIME IN CHAPTER'S HISTORY TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL TWICE FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS*

Chantilly, VA – November 13, 2001 – Michael S. Rolband, P.E., P.W.S., President of Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., was honored on Thursday, November 8, 2001 by the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) Northern Virginia Chapter as its 2001 Member of the Year. Rolband previously received this recognition in 1993 and was the first person in the Chapter's history to receive the honor twice.

Northern Virginia NAIOP is a regional, industry trade association for commercial and industrial real estate developers, owners, investors and service providers. With more than 530 regional Northern Virginia members, the association provides educational programs, state and local legislative representation, and networking opportunities for commercial and industrial real estate developers. Over 500 people attended the black-tie awards ceremony hosted by Northern Virginia NAIOP for the organizations' 15th Annual Best of NAIOP Awards event at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner on Thursday evening.

In his Member of the Year introductory speech, Jon Peterson, Northern Virginia NAIOP's Chairman and President of The Peterson Companies, stated, "It is with great pleasure that I recognize Michael S. Rolband [as] Northern Virginia NAIOP's Member of the Year. Our winner has spent countless hours representing the development industry

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before local, state and federal boards, commissions and committees. During the 2000 General Assembly session, he was instrumental in helping to craft a Wetlands Act that is tolerable to the development community, and during the past year and a half, he has helped lead the Chapter's efforts in Loudoun County during the comprehensive planning process.” Just before calling Rolband forward to accept the award, Peterson went on to say, “Our Member of the Year has set the standard for how to work with government, whether it is a locality, the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board, the Corps of engineers or a member of Congress.”

The founder of Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc., an environmental consulting firm specializing in wetlands permitting and development, Rolband is known in the industry for his expertise and leadership roles in the analysis of real estate development feasibility regarding wetlands and environmental engineering to include Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Impacts, Wetland Delineation, Clean Water Act Permitting, and Wetland Mitigation Design and Banking.

About Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI):

WSSI provides wetlands consulting on over 60,000 acres comprising over 1100 sites in Northern Virginia, D.C. and Maryland and has created over 600 acres of wetlands in three wetlands banks and 45 stream and wetlands mitigation projects in this area since its inception in 1991. Its team of engineers, scientists, technicians, GIS/survey specialists and administrative staff take a holistic approach to environmental issues associated with real estate development, integrating the practical constraints of economics and land plan requirements with the need to satisfy local, state, and federal regulatory requirements. For more information about WSSI, contact (703) 631-5800 or visit their web site at www.wetlandstudies.com

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