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**CFSEI NAMES PATRICK FORD AS RECIPIENT OF THE 2023
JOHN P. MATSEN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

FALLS CHURCH, VA – The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) has announced that Patrick W. Ford, P.E., S.E., technical director of the Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA), and management and engineering design with R.A. Smith, Inc (and previously with Matsen Ford Design), is the recipient of the 2023 CFSEI John P. Matsen Award for Distinguished Service. The award recognizes the significant contributions of an individual who has volunteered time, talent, and resources to the cold-formed steel (CFS) industry. It was renamed in 2016 to honor John P. Matsen, P.E., founder and principal of Matsen Ford Design Associates in Waukesha, Wisconsin, who passed away in June 2015. Ford was recognized during the 2023 CFSEI Expo held May 8-10 in New Orleans, Louisiana. More information can be found at https://www.cfsei.org/distinguished_award_winner_2023.

“Throughout his entire professional career, Pat has provided a high degree of leadership and expertise in a number of important roles,” says Larry W. Williams, CFSEI Managing Director and SFIA Executive Director. “Pat’s insight and knowledge have helped the industry accomplish some very important goals, and also have made him a trusted advisor. Pat is presented with this award by unanimous decision of the CFSEI Executive Committee.”

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Pat Ford's professional experience includes several structural design, contract and project management functions on a wide variety of commercial, industrial and institutional building projects. Relative to cold-formed steel structural framing, Pat has more than 40 years of experience that includes application of the latest technologies and design concepts to load bearing structures and a wide variety of curtainwall and prefabricated systems. His engineering systems design experience includes structural steel, concrete, engineered masonry, wood and other systems in addition to cold-formed steel. He has building credits throughout the country as well as several projects outside the U.S.

He is an active voting member, committee member and subcommittee chairman with the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), American National Standards Institute (ANSI), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), ASTM International, the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry (AWCI), Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) and Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA). He is a registered professional engineer in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute comprises hundreds of structural engineers and other design professionals who are finding a better way to produce safe and efficient designs for commercial and residential structures with cold-formed steel. CFSEI members work together to develop and evolve industry standards and design methods, produce and issue technical bulletins, and provide seminars and online training to improve the knowledge and skills base of engineers and design professionals. For more information, visit <https://www.cfsei.org> and <https://buildsteel.org/>.

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