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COASTAL CONSTRUCTION'S TOM MURPHY JR. HONORED WITH INAUGURAL LEGACY AWARD BY ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD

MIAMI (Oct. 27, 2014) – <u>Tom Murphy Jr.</u>, Chairman and CEO of Miami-based <u>Coastal</u> <u>Construction Group</u>, has been recognized by *Engineering News-Record (ENR)* with the first-ever Legacy Award for his lifetime achievement in the construction industry.

ENR, the construction industry's most prestigious magazine, and its regional publications – specifically ENR Southeast – created the Legacy Award in an effort to more publicly recognize a long-time industry achievement. Beginning in 2014, the Legacy Award will be given annually to a select group of individuals from each region who have achieved a solid legacy of lifetime service in design and construction, both to their profession and to the communities in which they live. Regional ENR editors vote collectively to decide the winners. Murphy was selected along with Pat Rodgers, president and CEO of Rodgers Builders in North Carolina, as the 2014 Legacy Award recipients for the Southeast region.

"It is an honor to be recognized by *ENR Southeast* with the inaugural Legacy Award," said Tom Murphy Jr. "This award is especially meaningful as it reflects the hard work of my family and staff, who continue to make the company shine. We are proud to be making a lasting impact on our community."

ENR Southeast editors lauded Murphy for guiding the firm "to achieve an undeniable reputation for excellence, as numerous demanding customers are willing to attest."

As Chairman and CEO of Coastal, Murphy is responsible for the overall management of the company and leads the strategic direction of its growth. Since founding Coastal in 1988, Murphy has taken a family business and grown it into the largest general contractor in the state of Florida and the largest residential builder in the Southeastern United States. Under his leadership, the firm has built personal relationships with high-profile developers and achieved a reputation for quality work in South Florida.

Murphy's singular focus on quality construction and customer satisfaction has yielded Coastal many industry awards. Most recently, Coastal was named "Southeast Contractor of the Year" by *Engineering News-Record*. The company has also earned recognition from the South Florida Business Journal, including ranking 25th on its Top 50 Fastest-Growing Companies list and securing the number one spot on its Top General Contractors list. Murphy was also listed as a Top 100 Power Leader by the South Florida Business Journal in January 2014, an honor he has received for the last four years. Florida Trend additionally ranked Coastal #97 on its Top 225 Private Companies list.

Coastal currently has more than \$2.5 billion in contracts and is building more than 30 projects in South Florida, including the Porsche Design Tower in Sunny Isles Beach, the Sky Rise observation tower on Biscayne Bay, The Mansions at Acqualina in Sunny Isles Beach, Oceana luxury residential community in Key Biscayne, The Edition and Saxony Hotels in Miami Beach, and the new Surf Club condominium and Four Seasons Hotel & Resort in Surfside.

ENR Southeast will publish a feature story highlighting Tom Murphy Jr. as a Southeast construction industry leader in their January 2015 print edition. In addition, he will be honored at ENR Southeast's Best Projects Awards Luncheon, to be held Nov. 11 in Orlando.

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About Coastal Construction

Constructing projects in Florida for more than five generations, award-winning Coastal Construction Group and the Murphy family have earned a reputation as one of the leading contractors in the state and the Southeast. Coastal operates in 11 markets and has significant experience in commercial, hospitality, single and multi-family residential,

educational, government-related facilities and disaster recovery projects. Coastal has built more than 50 hotels and resorts in Florida, including the St. Regis Resort & Residences, Bal Harbour and the SLS Hotel Miami Beach, as well as numerous South Florida condominiums, office buildings and schools, such as the Trump Royale in Sunny Isles Beach, 1450 Brickell in Miami, the Bacardi World Headquarters in Coral Gables and Miami Carol City Senior High School in Miami Gardens. For more information on Coastal, call 305-559-4900, or visit www.coastalconstruction.com.