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**PAXTON/PATTERSON Announces Partnership with the NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION of WOMEN in CONSTRUCTION**

Chicago, IL, April 10, 2007 – PAXTON/PATTERSON LLC has formed a partnership with the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) to increase the opportunity for young women in high school to consider a career in construction. PAXTON/PATTERSON is a national supplier of Career and Technical Education learning systems.

The partnership's long-term goal is to attract women to careers in the construction industry. To achieve this goal, the partnership is promoting hands-on, exploratory construction education to help counter perceptions young women may have about the industry. The partnership is particularly interested in reaching young women in their early teens, before gender stereotypes and other cultural barriers take hold.

PAXTON/PATTERSON's BuildingSkills learning system is a one-year exploratory program covering 17 building trades. BuildingSkills features DVD instruction combined with skills practice using real worksite tools and materials. In addition to the trades, students gain insights to careers in architecture, design, and construction management.

“We want young women in high school to make informed choices about career opportunities in the construction industry. They also need to know what further education

and training they will need to be well qualified for their career choice,” said Roger W. Davis, CEO of PAXTON/PATTERSON. “With BuildingSkills, students have meaningful hands-on experience with masonry, concrete, framing, electrical, plumbing, and 12 other trades. This provides an excellent basis for students to decide how their interests and aptitudes best match to construction industry careers. BuildingSkills helps young women answer a very key question, ‘Do I like doing this and am I good at it?’ Our partnership with NAWIC facilitates connections between industry professionals and young women as they explore their career options.”

“The link to career options needs to be made in the high schools,” according to Denise Norberg-Johnson, a former contractor and president of NAWIC who is now a high school educator. “Paxton/Patterson’s BuildingSkills program allows students to try out many different trades before they’ve made decisions about ruling out certain careers. The modular curriculum provides teachers with a turnkey program that ensures they can successfully facilitate a class with 17 trades, even if the instructor is not expert in all trades. For NAWIC, the BuildingSkills program connects the dots between students and the trades.”

ABOUT NAWIC

Since its founding, NAWIC, an international professional organization, has grown to a membership of 5,800 women with more than 170 chapters across the United States. In its 52 years of service to its members, NAWIC has advanced the causes of all women in construction whose careers range from business ownership to the skilled trades. For more

information about NAWIC, please visit www.nawic.org or contact Dede Hughes, IOM, Executive Vice President, 817-877-5551.

ABOUT PAXTON/PATTERSON

Founded in 1963, PAXTON/PATTERSON is a national supplier of multimedia and video based learning systems for Career and Technical Education. For more information about PAXTON/PATTERSON, please visit www.paxtonpatterson.com or contact Roger W. Davis, CEO, 708-552-2360.

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