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Navistar Recognizes Women In Trucking's Ellen Voie With Champion of Change Award



ARLINGTON, Va. (March 14, 2023) – Ellen Voie, founder of the Women In Trucking Association (WIT), was awarded the Nettie Fowler Champion of Change award by Navistar, Inc. (Navistar), the manufacturer of International® brand commercial trucks and engines. The award recognizes an individual whose actions consistently show a commitment to helping women progress and grow within the industry.

Navistar has been a long-time partner of WIT, which has allowed Navistar to witness first-hand how hard Voie has worked for the continued advancement of women in the trucking industry, according to Nicole Wiggins, Navistar's chief diversity officer and co-creator of the Nettie Fowler awards. "Ellen embodies everything the award stands for," said Wiggins. "During her years as president of WIT she has demonstrated tireless dedication to the advancement of women in the trucking industry. Ellen has stayed motivated and passionate about her mission. Every milestone she has reached, she has

not become complacent yet continues to advocate for the inclusion and equity of women in the industry."

Voie founded WIT in 2007 and has been president and chief executive officer of the organization. Through her leadership, WIT has since grown to more than 8,000 members through such initiatives as the WIT Index, which is the industry barometer to benchmark and measure the percentage of women who make up critical roles in transportation, and the annual Accelerate! conference and expo. Voie also was appointed to serve on FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee, on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Entry-Level Driver Advisory Committee, and was named a "Transportation Innovator Champion of Change" by the White House.

The awards are named in honor of Nettie Fowler, who was married to Cyrus McCormick, the founder of the company that eventually became Navistar. She was a trusted advisor and partner to her husband in financial and legal matters, as well as an advocate for workers and a well-known philanthropist. Recipients of this award are true champions of women and of driving equality, who stands out because they mentor, support, and create opportunities for women.

Navistar professionals who have been previous winners of Nettie Fowler Awards and also to WIT's "Top Women to Watch" list are Nicole Wiggins, chief diversity officer; Justina Morrison, vice president of bus; and Candace Latnie, senior engineer.

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About Women In Trucking Association, Inc.

Women In Trucking Association, Inc. is a nonprofit association established to encourage the employment of women in the trucking industry, promote their accomplishments and minimize obstacles faced by women working in the trucking industry. Membership is not limited to women, as 17 percent of its members are men who support the mission. Women In Trucking is supported by its members and the generosity of Gold Level Partners: Amazon, Arrow Truck Sales, Daimler Truck North America, DAT Solutions, FedEx Freight, Great Dane, J.B. Hunt Transport, Michelin North America, PACCAR, Penske Transportation Solutions, Ryder System, Walmart, and WM. Follow WIT on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. For more information, visit www.womenintrucking.org or call 888-464-9482.

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