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Edwards Retires Following Distinguished Career in Plumbing and Fire Protection Design

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Mueller Associates announces the retirement of Jeffrey Edwards, CPD, GPD, the firm's chief of plumbing and fire protection services. Edwards had been with the firm for more than 35 years and contributed to many of Mueller's most notable projects.

Throughout a career that spanned more than 50 years, Edwards became known as one of the region's preeminent specialists in plumbing engineering and fire protection design. He designed systems for many of the Mid-Atlantic area's most acclaimed museums, libraries, and institutions of higher learning. His contributions include work on the award-winning Enoch Pratt Free Library; the John and Frances Angelos Law Center at the University of Baltimore; the historic renovation of the National Academy of Sciences; the new University of Maryland Baltimore County Performing Arts Center; the renovation and expansion of the Towson University Center for the Arts; the new Capital One Hall; and the renovation of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

Most impressively, Edwards oversaw plumbing and fire protection systems for close to 200 projects for the Northrop Grumman Corporation, ranging in complexity and sensitivity including system design for industrial process facilities; electronics testing and assembly spaces; laboratory retrofits; engineering for cleanrooms, anechoic chambers, plating facilities, and secure areas; office fit-outs; equipment utility upgrades; and comprehensive infrastructure upgrades.

One of his final projects—the modernization of the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum—was the largest and most ambitious of his career. The project features cutting-edge sustainable systems, including a massive rainwater harvesting system that will collect and reuse more than four million gallons of rainwater a year. The renovation is now under construction. Edwards authored an article for *Plumbing Engineer* magazine on the unique and exciting features of the project's plumbing systems.

Edwards is also well known for his leadership in the industry and for mentoring students and young engineers. He has served as president of the Baltimore chapter of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE). He is also a member of the National Fire Protection Association and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

“Jeff Edwards has made an enormous contribution to the industry, not only through his design expertise but also through his willingness to mentor and train other engineers,” says Steven Gillis, PE, vice president and group manager with Mueller. “Whether meeting with high school students or reviewing projects with our up-and-coming team members, Jeff has been committed to sharing his knowledge and insights and preparing the next generation of engineers. We have been privileged to work with him and



wish him the best in retirement. We know Jeff will enjoy playing golf, watching the Washington sports teams, and most importantly, traveling and spending time with his family.

About Mueller Associates

Established in 1966, Mueller Associates delivers mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering services for cultural facilities, museums, higher education institutions, libraries, performing and fine arts centers, historic preservation, government facilities, and other institutional and corporate facilities. Mueller specializes in engineering solutions for complex and stringent environmental control and energy conservation. The firm is a leader and innovator in sustainability and resilience.

Current and recent projects include renovations to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum (NASM) in Washington, D.C.; the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore; the George Washington University Corcoran School of the Arts and Design in Washington, D.C.; the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, Va.; the Peterson Family Health Sciences Hall at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.; Morgan State University's Tyler Hall in Baltimore; the Smithsonian Institution's NASM Dulles Collections Center in Virginia; the College of Health Professions building at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, the Duke University InterProfessional Education and Care Building in Durham, N.C, and numerous projects for Northrop Grumman Corporation. For more information, visit www.muellerassoc.com.