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BIA/OC Serving Up “Wine on the Wings”

Annual BITA Fundraiser to be held at the Historic Lyon Air Museum

IRVINE, CA – This year the Building Industry Association, Orange County’s (BIA/OC) Annual Food & Wine benefit has a new location and a new theme. “Wine on the Wings”, will be held Thursday, September 16 at the new Lyon Air Museum in Santa Ana. The museum exhibits authentic aircrafts, rare vehicles and fascinating World War II memorabilia. Guests will enjoy a rare opportunity to sample fabulous wine, scrumptious culinary delights and micro-brew tasting of specialty beers all under the backdrop of William Lyon’s stunning WWII airplanes. A silent auction will feature unique prizes to bid on, with proceeds benefiting the Building Industry Technology Academy (BITA) programs at Katella, Western, Anaheim, Valencia, Magnolia, Trident, Los Alamitos, and Brea-Olinda High Schools.

BITA is a four-year high school program that exposes young people to diverse career paths within the building industry. The California state budget crisis has resulted in decreased education funds for woodshop, construction technology, and many other vocational classes on high school campuses. The unique opportunities offered through BITA also benefit Special Education and at-risk/under-achieving students through the program’s high level of applied hands-on learning. Over 4,000 students have gone through the program since 2002.

BIA/OC Chief Executive Officer, Kristine Thalman remarks, “BITA has been a major factor in changing student’s perception of the importance of school in their lives. Students begin to understand the correlation between education and their future success. Having the ability to immediately apply their academic knowledge to their BITA classes has been incredibly motivating for our BITA students.”

To support this great cause tickets are available for \$75 per person. Sponsorship & donation opportunities are available. To RSVP please contact Philly Pemberton at 949.224.0321 or ppemberton@biaoc.com.

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