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Snohomish County Public Works and IMCO General Construction Recipients of Award from the Associated General Contractors of Washington for State Route 530 Incident Debris Removal Project

Joint Effort Garners the Build Washington Construction Excellence Award

EVERETT, Wash., May 15, 2015 – Snohomish County Public Works and IMCO General Construction (IMCO) received the 2015 Build Washington Construction Excellence award in the heavy industrial category from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Washington. The award recognizes the joint work on State Route 530 (SR 530) Incident Debris Removal Project and was presented on May 14 at the awards dinner at the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

“This project focused on making the area more stable in the removal of the debris, requiring the massive coordination of work teams and keeping the public informed while exercising respect and dignity in the recovery of personal property,” said Owen Carter, Snohomish County Public Works Deputy Director. “The determination and resilience necessary to take on this venture was apparent in everyone. IMCO definitely earned this award in the way they tirelessly and thoughtfully worked in recovering more than 1,000 pieces of personal belongings, photos, and documents. They also completed the work six days earlier than contracted and \$5.2 million under budget.”

Snohomish County began the debris removal project in mid-June 2014, three months after the SR 530 landslide. IMCO was the major project contractor tasked with removing man-made items while leaving native materials on site in a safe, stable and free draining condition. 80 acres of private and public property were covered in approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material and debris that included homes, vehicles, personal belongings, and possible human remains. As part of this project, the county also contracted with AECOM to provide archaeologists and spotters and URS to provide documentation and inspection staff to work alongside IMCO equipment operators to ensure respectful recovery of human remains and personal property. By mid-September 2014, three months later, Snohomish County and IMCO successfully completed the project.

About Associated General Contractors of Washington

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Washington is the state's largest and most influential trade association, representing more than 600 member companies, 187 of which are general contractors. The Build Washington Awards honors some of the state's most successful projects and celebrates the spirit of collaboration and excellence.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.