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## Minnick endorsed by Associated General Contractors

*Eagle, ID* - One of the largest and most influential trade associations in Idaho is backing Walt Minnick's campaign for re-election. Idaho Associated General Contractors and its national organization, Associated General Contractors of America, announced their endorsement of Minnick today at a press conference held at a local concrete plant.

"Congressman Minnick has proven himself to be a pragmatic, fair, and proactive representative of the people of Idaho," said Idaho AGC President Burke Hansen, who is also president of Hansen-Rice, Inc. "His background in business lends itself well to identifying problems and, more importantly, identifying solutions. He is pro-business and pro-solution."

Hansen said Minnick understands the need for infrastructure investments to promote economic development.

"Walt understands that regulations are very important but also need to be concise and clear in order for industry to comply," Hansen said. "He understands that collaboration rather than confrontation is often the most effective way to accomplish good things for Idaho and the country."

Minnick thanked the group for their endorsement, and pledged to continue building on a successful partnership.

"As we all know, the recession has hit Idaho's construction industry hard," Minnick said. "However, I have never met a more resilient, determined group of businessmen and women. They are focused on literally rebuilding Idaho's economy, and I have been honored to partner with them in their efforts."

Minnick is the former CEO of TrusJoist, then an Idaho-based manufacturer of engineered wood products for the construction industry.

"As the leader of an Idaho company which supplied raw materials for Idaho AGC members, I know that there is no more important task than putting Idahoans back to work at places just like this," Minnick said while standing at the concrete plant. "I want to hear the pounding of hammers. I want to smell new asphalt. I want to see kids writing their names in the fresh concrete of a new foundation, the kind of foundation we need to keep Idaho growing. "

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