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Construction Firm Founder Named Seafarers' House Business Leader of the Year *Bob Moss embodies the entrepreneurial spirit*

August 8, 2016 – FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – [Seafarers' House](#) is pleased to announce that Bob Moss, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Moss & Associates, has been selected by its Board of Directors as the 2016 South Florida Business Leader of the Year.

Moss will be honored at the [21st Annual South Florida Business Leaders' Luncheon](#) hosted by Holland America Line to benefit Seafarers' House. The luncheon will take place **Nov. 9 at 11:00 a.m. aboard the ms Zuiderdam at Port Everglades**. Check-in and boarding begin at **10:45 a.m.** This year's event co-chairs are **Jonathan Hines, South Florida Area Manager, Cliff Berry, Inc., and Peg Buchan Assistant Director, Port Everglades.**

Honorees for the South Florida Business Leaders Award are selected by their peers. Acknowledged leadership, entrepreneurial background, philanthropic contributions to the communities where they live and work, as well as long-term contributions to the success, diversity and breadth of the South Florida business community, are all considerations for this award.

"I am deeply grateful and honored that Seafarers' House has selected me for this award. Since 2004, Moss has been fortunate to participate in a number of projects at Port Everglades, which in turn has enhanced our relationship with the Port Everglades community," said Moss. "We have come to appreciate what Seafarers' House is all about, and how much it means to the thousands of mariners who visit Port Everglades each year. I look forward to developing a closer relationship with Seafarers' house in the years to come."

Moss founded his company in 2004 with just two projects and two employees. Today, he has a team consisting of more than 500 employees and his portfolio includes hallmark projects such as Marlins Park and Nova Southeastern University's Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center. His career spans 47 years, during which time he has worked on a number of renowned projects including 10 Walt Disney resorts, 16 Bass Pro Shops, Atlantis Paradise Island and Our Lucaya in the Bahamas.

“In addition to his remarkable business successes, Bob has an impressive history of community service on behalf of a number of South Florida nonprofits and has been recognized time and again for his philanthropy,” said Seafarers’ House Executive Director Lesley Warrick. “Bob truly embodies both the entrepreneurial, as well as philanthropic, spirit.”

Moss has been inducted in the University of Florida Construction Hall of Fame and Clemson Construction Hall of Fame. In 2011, he was the recipient of the South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America’s Distinguished Citizen Award and he was recognized as the Humanitarian of the Year by the EASE Foundation in 2012.

Moss serves on the Governor’s Florida Council of 100, World President Organization, the Chief Executive Organization, and is the Vice Chairman on the Board of Directors of Watsco, a \$4.5 Billion NYSE Company.

Moss joins the ranks of distinguished previous honorees such as: **J. David Armstrong Jr.**, President, Broward College; **Nicki Englander Grossman**, Past President Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau; **Denise Johnston**, Resolve Maritime Academy/RESOLVE Marine Group, Inc.; **Betty Ann Rogacki**, International Warehouse Services, Inc.; **Lynn Shatas**, Florida Power & Light; **Phil Allen**, Past Port Director, Port Everglades; **Cliff Berry, Sr.** of Cliff Berry & Associates; **William J. Burke**, Paradise Bank; **Joseph Farrell, Jr.**, RESOLVE Marine Group; **Robert Toney** of National Maritime Services; and **Joseph J. “Joe” Rubano** of RPM Diesel Engine Company and Diesel Services of America.

The annual luncheon is a fundraiser for the mission of Seafarers' House. Various levels of event sponsorship, individual seating and congratulatory ads are available by visiting www.seafarershouse.org or by calling 954-734-1580.

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ABOUT SEAFARERS’ HOUSE

Seafarers' House at Port Everglades is a non-profit organization supported by the faith-based community as well as by labor, business and civic leaders with a mission "to offer refuge, resources, renewal and respect to the maritime community through multi-faith service." Open throughout the year, Seafarers' House is a safe, friendly place where mariners can connect with their families, relax, or get emergency assistance if needed. With the help of its supporters and volunteers, Seafarers' House offers many services including low cost international phone calls, free transportation, Internet access, counseling services, liaison with authorities as well as recreational facilities. Seafarers' House was honored as the 2015 Seafarer Advocate of the Year by Lloyd’s List North America and received the 2014 Salute to Business award from the Greater Fort

Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. In 2012, Seafarers' House was honored with the Seafarers' Center of the Year award from the International Committee on Seafarers' Welfare - the first American agency to receive this international honor. Seafarers' House annually hosts more than 150,000 visits by cruise and cargo ship crewmembers. For additional information visit www.seafarershouse.org.