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### **Sara A. Stafford Elected President of ASM**

BOSTON – On Nov. 13, the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts (ASM) elected Rowley resident Sara A. Stafford as President of the Board of Directors for the 2009-2010 term. Ms. Stafford is the first woman to preside over ASM in its 58-year history.

Stafford is president and sole owner of Stafford Construction Services, a union commercial plastering and drywall contracting firm in Saugus that she founded in 1993, after spending 13 years as manager of a construction supply business. Stafford Construction has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts by Babson College and the *Boston Business Journal*.

“Sara has served in leadership positions at ASM since 2001, and we feel extremely fortunate to have her continue her service as our new president.” said Monica Lawton, CEO of ASM. “Her industry experience and commitment to this association will prove invaluable as we support our members through a trying economic period.”

Stafford’s selection as the first female president of ASM is one of many firsts in her career. She was the first female management trustee on the Boston Carpenters’ Joint Apprenticeship Board, where she has served for 12 years, and she was the first woman business owner to be appointed to the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts Board of Directors. She is also past president of the Boston Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction.

Also active politically, Stafford has testified at congressional hearings the U.S. Capitol and at the Massachusetts State House on issues affecting the construction industry. At the community level,

she currently serves as Treasurer of the Boy & Girls Club of Lower Merrimack Valley, where she recently received an award as “Woman of the Year,” and is Treasurer of the First Congregational Church of Rowley.

“I am deeply honored to serve as president of ASM,” Stafford said. “Contractors are facing a new set of challenges and increasing uncertainties in this economy, and that will drive our decision-making at ASM, as we continue to support our members through relationships, resources, education and advocacy.”

The Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts, Inc. (ASM), founded in 1950, is the leading statewide trade association representing specialty contractors and suppliers in the commercial construction industry. Members include more than 400 companies, both large and small, union and open shop, that together employ over 25,000 workers on private and public building construction in the Commonwealth.

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