

To: Patrick Wolfe, Provost

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Date: April 16, 2025

Subject: Recommendation of Makarand Hastak for a Named Professorship,
as the Reilly Professor in the Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering

I am pleased to recommend Dr. Makarand Hastak for a Named Professorship, as the Reilly Professor in the Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering. Dr. Hastak's case has received strong support from The Engineering Named Professorship Committee, largely for the critical role in research recognition across state and federal levels.

Dr. Hastak's interdisciplinary research focuses on construction decision support systems and construction process improvements, risk assessment, project control, and infrastructure resiliency from natural disasters. His work has led to several innovative paradigms for the construction industry for improving profitability, infrastructure management, disaster risk reduction, intelligent planning units, and risk management leading to over 6000 citations. His research has received support at the national and state level from numerous public and private agencies including the NSF, NCHRP, State DOTs, City Agencies, private entities, and the Construction Industry Institute (CII) amounting to over \$5MM in research funding.

Dr. Hastak has received many prestigious awards, including being elected as member of the National Academy of Construction, elected and currently serves as the President of the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB). He's a Fellow of ASCE, Fellow of ACE, was an Honorary Distinguished visiting Professor at General Tedeusz Kosciuszko Military Academy of Land Forces, Wroclaw, Poland, and received the Construction Management Association of America's Academic Achievement Award.

In conclusion, the Engineering Named Professorship Committee voted unanimously to support Dr. Hastak's nomination for this named professorship. Therefore, I join the committee in strongly recommending Dr. Makarand Hastak for the named professorship of Reilly Professor in the Lyles School of Civil and Construction Engineering.

Approval/Recommended:

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