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To: All ATCS Subcontractors/Suppliers

Re: Wounded Warrior Home

It has been over 20 months since ATCS sent an open invitation to Dayton area subcontractors and material suppliers, asking them to attend a “Town Hall” meeting to learn about a “Wounded Warrior Project” ATCS has undertaken. The meeting was held in January of 2015 at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center in Clayton and, was well attended by many of our associates in the construction industry.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform all subcontractors and material suppliers, who have worked with ATCS over the past 22 years, about our intent to build and donate a new home to a deserving disabled veteran in need of some help after returning to civilian life.

To accomplish our objective, we contacted a number of charitable, non-profit organizations who were active and successful in getting homes built for disabled veterans. After many inquiries and background checks, we selected “Operation Finally Home” (see attached brochure) to be the funnel through which we would donate our time and money to build a new home for a deserving veteran.

Although our objective seemed fairly simple and easily definable, the task of locating, vetting and selecting a deserving veteran has been a challenge. After 20 months of working with the VA, Wright Patterson, local prosthetic facilities, the Governor’s office and the local news media, we have finally selected the veteran who will receive a mortgage free new home for himself and his family.

The veteran we have selected is 33 years old and currently living in Huber Heights with his in-laws while he and his wife are completing their education and planning their future. Our selected veteran, Daniel Erlandson, is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering and his wife, Theresa, is involved with Youth Ministry. The following is a brief narrative about Daniel and Theresa.

Daniel served in the Marines for 7 years, which involved 3 separate tours of duty with deployments to Afghanistan. He was a turret gunner on a mobile infantry unit assigned to front line combat missions. On his second assignment to Afghanistan, Daniel was hit in his left shoulder by enemy fire and had to be returned to the states for treatment of his wounds. He

received the “Purple Heart” for his bravery and service to his country. He was also commended and recognized for his leadership in combat and received a number of related awards for his valor and courage. His commanding officer, Scott Riley (Captain, USMC), has written an exemplary letter of commendation recognizing his outstanding leadership with his platoon, while engaged in stressful combat missions. Daniel was given the opportunity to remain in the states to complete the balance of his second tour of duty. Instead, he asked to be sent back to Afghanistan for a third tour of duty with his platoon as soon as his shoulder wound was healed up enough to return to combat. Daniel was granted his request and completed his third tour of duty in Afghanistan in October of 2013. When I interviewed Daniel, he shared additional stories about his term of service in the Marines, all of which reinforced my feeling of gratitude and appreciation for all the young men and women who voluntarily protect and defend our country at all costs. Daniel was one of the lucky ones. He experienced the fear, anger and loss of life that are inherit with war and combat, and yet, he survived it all to return home to his wife and the country he had voluntarily defended.

Unfortunately, our government tends to only recognize our returning veterans in brief ceremonies with “Purple Hearts” and then returns them to society with little or no provisions to help them adjust to a more normal life. In addition to physical injuries, almost all returning veterans, including Daniel, suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) experiencing stressful combat conditions that exposed them to fire fights, heavy mortar rounds and often death for those serving with them. I don’t think any of us who haven’t experienced these conditions can really relate to what our service men and women have been through and the personal adjustments that they have to make to return to normal living conditions after they are discharged from the service. These are the kind of things I think about when I see young men and women veterans trying to adjust to society and return to civilian life. This is why Tim Bibler (my business partner) and I are committed to helping Daniel Erlandson get back on his feet, as he and his wife plan their future together. And, I would be remiss if I didn’t tell you a little about Daniel’s wife, Theresa, who is 28 years old. She was born with Medullary Cystic Kidney Disease and has already had two kidney transplants. Consequently, she will never be able to have children; but, she and Daniel are both optimistic that their future will someday include adoption. Theresa and Daniel were married several months after she received her first kidney transplant from her dad, and, while Daniel was still serving in the Marine Corp. Theresa is Daniel’s most avid supporter and companion. They have helped each other through their difficult times.

In summary, Daniel and Theresa are two young people who I truly believe could use some help as they plan their lives together, make adjustments to deal with Daniel’s service injuries, cope with the effects of his PTSD and continue to overcome the serious health issues confronting Theresa. I am confident that their faith in God and their determination to make it all work out for the best will get them through this tough time in their lives. We, at ATCS, want to be a part of their success story by helping them overcome some financial hurdles they are currently facing. Even though Daniel’s in-laws have been very supportive by sharing their home, it is time Daniel and Theresa had their own home. Currently, Daniel’s disability compensation is approximately \$28,000/year, hardly enough to buy or even rent a home while starting a career and taking care of a wife with special needs. To help Daniel and Theresa move into their own home and more easily manage their financial obligations, ATCS is committed to building a new home and donating it to them, mortgage free. More specifically, ATCS is going to build a double home which will allow them to live in one side and rent the other side for some additional

income to help with expenses. ATCS has already purchased a lot on McSmith Court in Butler Township and set aside \$250,000 to build the double unit. The new home will be built this year.

NOW, you know why I have sent this “informative memorandum” to you. This is not a solicitation letter or a request for a donation. ATCS is committed to building this home for Daniel and Theresa and funding the entire project at whatever it cost. However, if you, as a subcontractor or material supplier wish to donate labor, materials and/or funds directly, ATCS would be glad to provide you with a contact at “Operation Finally Home” to accept your donation for this project through the proper channels regarding documentation, payment and tax credits.

If, after reading this memorandum, you are interested in joining with ATCS in building Daniel and Theresa a new “mortgage free” home, please contact me at 937-604-2713 to further discuss how we can make that happen and “give back” to someone who has already given what he could to help keep our country free and safe.

Thanks for listening; hope to hear from you soon!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen E. Risner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Stephen E Risner
CEO – ATCS

P.S. We plan to begin construction by September 30th, 2016