

CONTRACTOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

William "Bill" M. Lyles , Lyles Group



William Lyles is a recognized leader in the building industry, having served in top roles in many national, state, and local organizations. He serves on the Board of Directors for AGC of America and the California State Chamber of Commerce. Lyles has also served on the Board of the Fresno Economic Development Corporation and as a member of the Board of Governors for the California State University, Fresno Foundation.

Lyles has been very active in community service, serving as president of the Board of Directors for Valley Public Television, Fresno Regional Foundation, Fresno Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Playland, East Fresno Rotary, and the Fresno Metropolitan Museum. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Private Industry Council, the Fresno Philharmonic Association, the Purdue Alumni Association, and the Fresno Opera Association.

His extensive community service was recognized in 2001 when California State University, Fresno awarded him with one of the highest honors, an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. That same year, he was awarded the Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater, Purdue University.

Most recently, Lyles' enthusiasm for contributing to his community has led to the creation of the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, one of the leading entrepreneurship centers in California, at CSU Fresno. In 2008, Lyles contributed a \$10 million gift in support of the Lyles College of Engineering, also at CSU Fresno.

Lyles holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University and served in the U.S. Navy Civilian Engineering Corps where he helped supervise construction of a power plant, roads, water system and building.