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Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia Recognizes Recipients of 2016 Excellence In Construction and Safety Awards

ATLANTA—Emphasizing that innovation, safety and quality are the ingredients of a successful construction project, Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Georgia recently honored the winners of its biannual Excellence in Construction (EIC) competition as well as its annual Safety award program.

Winners of ABC of Georgia's 2016 Excellence in Construction (EIC) awards competition, along with recipients of ABC's annual Safety awards, were recognized on July 20, 2016, at the Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta, Georgia. Georgia chapter chairman, Jeff Toebe, McCarthy Building Companies, along with ABC of Georgia's Safety Forum chair, Ryan Little, Balfour Beatty Construction, guest speaker, Katie Leonard, BDR Partners, LLC, and ABC of Georgia's President and CEO, Bill Anderson took part in the proceedings.

"The Excellence in Construction program showcases the most outstanding projects built by ABC of Georgia members," said Bill Anderson. "It demonstrates how cooperation among the entire construction team results in the most successful projects."

The EIC program highlights the innovation, quality and vision of a project's entire construction team—general and specialty contractors, architects, engineers, owners and others. Entries were evaluated on criteria such as complexity, attractiveness, safety, unusual challenges, completion time, workmanship, innovation and budget. Awards of Excellence were given to the projects receiving the highest ratings in several specialty contracting and general contracting areas, including electrical, mechanical, renovation, commercial and industrial. Awards of Merit were also presented.

The association's Safety awards are presented annually to Georgia contractors who have had low rates of on-the-job injuries and who have demonstrated the highest commitment to safety and safety training.

ABC's Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) awards recognize member companies who employ effective safety practices on their jobsites, based on 20 key elements of contractor safety programs such as management commitment, pre-planning for safety on jobsites, safety training and resources committed to safety. The STEP process, which was developed and written by contractors for contractors, is a tool designed to objectively evaluate safety programs, policies, procedures and training.

ABC Safety Forum Chair, Ryan Little, Director of Health and Safety at Balfour Beatty Construction, emphasized that STEP participants consistently out-perform the National BLS averages for fatalities,

injuries and lost time. “An analysis of STEP performance recently published by ABC shows that STEP companies are up to 720% safer than non-STEP companies,” Little said. “Including total recordable incident rates as much as 86% lower.” ABC of Georgia chairman, Jeff Toebe, stated that the Georgia chapter has some of the best STEP participation in Region 4 and across the country.

This year the Georgia Chapter presented 20 Platinum-level awards as well as 22 in the Diamond Level, the highest STEP level achievable—more than doubling the number of top awards since last year. Diamond-level winners must have an incidence rate at least 50% below the national Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) average in their particular NAICS code for at least three consecutive years and have an EMR (or “mod factor”) at or below 0.700 (0.800 for companies with fewer than 100 employees). Eighteen Gold, seven Silver awards and one Bronze also were presented.

Winners of the Georgia Safety Awards of Excellence are determined using a company’s lost time and DART rates. To achieve this award, companies must have had no employee fatalities, with lost time DART rates half the national average or less. Twenty-seven ABC member companies earned this award.

The event was sponsored by Bardi Mechanical, Bo Phillips Company, C&C Fence, CLP Resources, Fortune-Johnson, Gainesville Mechanical, HITT Contracting, Juneau Construction Company, McCarthy Building Companies, Pattillo Construction Corporation, Pro-Vigil, SkyeTec, Spancrete, Stanley Black & Decker, Sunbelt Rentals, Summit Industrial Construction, Turner Construction and United Solutions Group.

Below are the companies and projects that were honored at the 2016 Excellence in Construction and Safety Awards Gala.

STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipients

Allison-Smith Company, LLC, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Amec Foster Wheeler, *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Balfour Beatty Construction, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Berkel & Company Contractors, Inc., *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Centennial Contractors Enterprises, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Custom Entrance Solutions, LLC, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

EA Barnett Group, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Fortune-Johnson, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

FS 360, LLC, *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Gardner Glass & Glazing, Inc., *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Gilbane Building Company, *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

HITT Contracting Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

JAMCo, Inc., *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Lauren Engineers & Constructors, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Manhattan Construction Company, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

MetroPower, Inc., *Diamond STEP Recipient*

PCL Industrial Construction Co., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

SECO Architectural Systems, Inc., *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Summit Industrial Construction, LLC, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

Turner Construction Company, LLC, *Diamond STEP Recipient*

W.S. Nielsen Company, Inc., *Diamond STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Cambridge Swinerton Builders, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

DPR Construction, *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Eckardt Electric, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Environmental Holdings Group, *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Faith Technologies, Inc., *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Fitzgerald & Sons Plumbing Company, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Industrial Technical Services, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Juneau Construction Company, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Kajima Building & Design Group, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Marek Interior Systems, Inc., *Platinum STEP Recipient*

O'Neal, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Pinkerton & Laws, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Rawlins Plumbers and Engineers, *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Sinclair Construction Group, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

SouthEast Scanning & Coring, *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Southeast Sealing, Inc., *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

ValleyCrest Landscape Development, *Platinum STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

The Winter Construction Company, *Platinum STEP Recipient*

Ajax Building Company, *Gold STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Alpha Insulation and Waterproofing Co., *Gold STEP Recipient*

The Circle Group, *Gold STEP Recipient*

Fly & Form, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Gainesville Mechanical, Inc., *Gold STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Georgia Mechanical, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Hemma Concrete, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC, *Gold STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

M.O., Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Midsouth Steel, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Piedmont Mechanical, Inc., *Gold STEP and Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*

Power Design, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*

Precision Concrete Construction, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*
Pyramid Masonry Contractors, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*
Southern Mechanical Contractors, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*
Southern Pan Structures, LLC, *Gold STEP Recipient*
Southern Wall Systems, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*
Stasco Mechanical Contractors, Inc., *Gold STEP Recipient*
Bardi Mechanical, *Silver STEP Recipient*
Bobby Taylor Painting, Inc., *Silver STEP & Georgia Award of Safety Excellence Recipient*
C.C. Owen Tile Company, Inc., *Silver STEP Recipient*
J.R. Hobbs Company, *Silver STEP Recipient*
Penco Electrical Contractors, Inc., *Silver STEP Recipient*
Redland Company, Inc., *Silver STEP Recipient*
United Forming, Inc., *Silver STEP Recipient*
Southeast Concrete Systems, Inc., *Bronze STEP Recipient*

Excellence in Construction - Awards of Excellence

Ajax Building Corporation, Georgia Southern University Shooting Sports Education Center
Amec Foster Wheeler, Fort Benning Dove Solar Field
Balfour Beatty Construction, Wheeler High School Additions
Balfour Beatty Construction, Buckhead Atlanta
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Colquitt Regional Medical Center – Surgery, ED & ICU Expansion
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Georgia Southern University Paulson Stadium Expansion
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Georgia Aquarium – Sea Lion Exhibit
Fortune-Johnson, Inc., The Views at Coolray Field
HITT Contracting Inc., SAP Americas, Inc.

HITT Contracting Inc., AON

Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC, Baxter – HVAC Hydronic Piping

Juneau Construction Company, University of Alabama Student Center

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., Georgia State University College of Law

Pinkerton & Laws, Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott

Rawlins Plumbers and Engineers, Coca-Cola Corporate Headquarters – Phase 1B

Sinclair Construction Group, Inc., Stealth

Excellence in Construction - Awards of Merit

Ajax Building Corporation, University of Georgia DEP-1 Chiller Addition

Ajax Building Corporation, Fulton County East Roswell Library

Alpha Insulation and Waterproofing Co., Baxter Plasma Protein Manufacturing Facility

Alpha Insulation and Waterproofing Co., SkyHouse Buckhead

Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Post Alexander

Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Emory University Oxford College Science Building

Custom Entrance Solutions, LLC, The Shops Buckhead Atlanta

DPR Construction, The Children's Museum Renovation

HITT Contracting Inc., Ecova

HITT Contracting Inc., Dixon Hughes Goodman

HITT Contracting Inc., Delta Life Campus

HITT Contracting Inc., Mercedes-Benz USA Headquarters Swing Space

HITT Contracting Inc., 2 Capitol Square

HITT Contracting Inc., Cox Talent Acquisition & Shared Services

HITT Contracting Inc., Moxie Campus

HITT Contracting Inc., Norfolk Southern Corporation Headquarters Renovation

Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC, Boeing – Aft Body Optimization Project
Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC, Baxter/Gambro – Expansion Project Air-Side Work
Juneau Construction Company, Georgia Heights
Juneau Construction Company, Georgia Southern University Health Center
Kajima Building & Design Group, Inc., Toppan Barrier Film Plant
Kajima Building & Design Group, Inc., Toyo Tire Phase IV
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., Clayton State University Lakeview Discovery Science Center
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., Georgia Tech Engineered Biosystems Building
MetroPower, Inc., Cedartown Energy Storage Demonstration Project
O’Neal, Inc., Iron Oxide Pigment Plant
Pattillo Construction Corporation, New Beretta USA Manufacturing Facility
Pinkerton & Laws, Holiday Inn Resort – Jekyll Island (Renovation/Conversion)
Rawlins Plumbers and Engineers, Clayton State University Science Lab
Sinclair Construction Group, Inc., Delta Sky Club
Skanska USA Building, Inc., Alston & Bird Atlanta Office Renovation
Skanska USA Building, Inc., Fairburn Logistics Center – Building 100
The Winter Construction Company, Asheville Outlets
Winter Johnson Group, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Metropolitan Library
Winter Johnson Group, Scaly Slimy Spectacular! Amphibian/Reptile Complex, Zoo Atlanta
W.S. Nielsen Company, Inc., Phipps Plaza Entrance Renovation

ABC of Georgia represents nearly 300 of Georgia’s commercial and industrial contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and service firms, representing more than 15,000 employees. ABC supports the merit shop philosophy of construction that emphasizes free enterprise and open competition. The statewide organization is one of 70 chapters of the Associated Builders and Contractors in Washington, D.C., with nearly 23,000 member companies across the country. Learn more at www.abcgga.org.

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