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***Associated Builders and Contractors of
Georgia Announce
2013 Safety Award Winners***

(Atlanta, GA, May 21, 2013) - The Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia, Inc. (ABC) presented its 2013 Safety Awards to 54 honorees in the field of construction at its annual luncheon held May 20. The association's national STEP Awards and Georgia Chapter Awards of Safety Excellence are given yearly to Georgia contractors who have achieved low rates of on-the-job accidents and demonstrated the highest commitment to safety.

ABC's Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) Awards recognize members who employ effective safety practices on their jobsites, and are 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, developed and written by contractors for contractors, is a tool designed to objectively evaluate safety programs, policies, procedures and training.

This year the Georgia Chapter earned 21 Platinum-level awards as well as 9 Diamond-level awards, the highest STEP level achievable. 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). Last year ABC of Georgia was 2nd in the nation for the number of both Platinum and Diamond awards earned.

"STEP participants consistently out-perform the National BLS averages for fatalities, injuries and lost time," said 2013 ABC Safety Forum Chairman Andrew Virga, Assistant Project Manager for Lend Lease US Construction, Inc., who announced the award recipients. Virga commended the award winners for their achievement and emphasized the importance of keeping workers safe on the jobsite.

Winners of the Georgia Safety Awards of Excellence are determined by calculating a company's total incident rate and the amount of time lost due to job-

related injuries. To achieve this award, companies must have had no employee fatalities, and their total recordable and lost time rates must both be lower than the national average.

Prior to the awards ceremony, J. Larry Stine, senior principal in the labor and employment firm of Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Schneider & Stine in Atlanta, gave a brief presentation on the unexpected consequences of OSHA citations.

The event was sponsored by Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, Bardi Mechanical, Fly & Form, Inc., Lauren Engineers and Constructors, Inc., Lend Lease US Construction, Inc., NexTraq, Rawlins Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Summit Industrial Construction, LLC, and Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Schneider & Stine, P.C.

2013 Safety Award Winners

Diamond STEP

AMEC Kamtech
Crowder Construction Company
HITT Contracting Inc.
KBR Building Group
Lauren Engineers & Constructors, Inc.
Manhattan Construction Company
PCL Industrial Construction Company
Turner Construction Company
W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company

Platinum STEP

Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing Company

Baker Paint & Contracting Company, Inc.
Balfour Beatty Construction
Berkel & Company Contractors, Inc.
Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC
Charles Perry Partners, Inc.
Comfort Systems USA Southeast
EA Barnett Group
EMCOR Services/Dynalectric Company – Georgia
Faith Technologies, Inc.
Fly & Form, Inc.
Fortune-Johnson General Contractors
Gardner Glass & Glazing, Inc.
Hathaway Construction Services
Ivey Mechanical Company, LLC
JAMCo, Inc.
Juneau Construction Company, LLC

Lend Lease US Construction, Inc.
MetroPower, Inc.
Pinkerton & Laws
Saxon Construction, Inc.

Gold STEP

The Circle Group
Gainesville Mechanical, Inc.
Hemma Concrete, Inc.
Industrial Technical Services, Inc.
Lee & Ryan
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.
Peter Brown Construction, Inc., An Atkins Company
Power Design, Inc.
Principle Partners, Inc.
Rawlins Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
SECO Architectural Systems, Inc.
Southeast Sealing, Inc.
Southern Pan Services
Southern Wall Systems, Inc.
Summit Industrial Construction, LLC
United Forming, Inc.
The Winter Construction Company
W.S. Nielsen Company, Inc.

Silver STEP

Bardi Mechanical
C.C. Owen Tile Company, Inc.
Excel Electrical Technologies, Inc.
Pattillo Construction Corporation
Pyramid Masonry Contractors, Inc.
Stasco Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

Georgia Award of Safety Excellence

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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 72 chapters of the Associated Builders and Contractors in Washington, D.C. with more than 25,000 members across the country.

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