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***Associated Builders and Contractors of  
Georgia Announce  
2011 Safety Award Winners***

(Atlanta, GA, May 24, 2011) - The Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia, Inc. (ABC) presented its 2011 Safety Awards to 51 honorees in the field of construction at its annual luncheon held May 23. 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 20 Platinum-level awards as well as 6 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 year 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 tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for Platinum STEP awards earned, with 26.

"STEP participants consistently out-perform the National BLS averages for fatalities, injuries and lost time," said 2011 ABC Safety Forum Chairman Wayne Hopkins, Safety Director for Alpha Insulation and Waterproofing, and a member of ABC of Georgia's training team, who announced the award recipients. Hopkins 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.

At the ceremony, Wayne Hopkins was awarded the ABC Region 4 Craft Instructor of the Year Award for his talent and passion for safety training at both Alpha Insulation and Waterproofing and through ABC of Georgia's safety training program. "We are proud to have Wayne as chairman of our Safety Forum and a member of our training team," said ABC of Georgia President Bill Anderson, who presented the award.

The event was sponsored by Bardi Mechanical, Fly & Form, Inc., Hardin Construction Company, LLC, Lauren Engineers and Constructors, Inc., PCL Industrial Construction Company, Stasco Mechanical Contractors, Inc., and the law firm of Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Schneider & Stine, P.C.

## **2011 Safety Award Winners**

### **Silver STEP**

**Bardi Mechanical**

**Classic Concrete Forming**

**Harcon Inc.**

**Stasco Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**

### **Gold STEP**

**Allison-Smith Company LLC**

**Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing Company**

**Brasfield & Gorrie**

**Carter Concrete Structures**

**The Circle Group**

**DHR Mechanical Services of Georgia**

**Dooleymack Constructors of Georgia**

**Doster Construction**

**Environmental Stoneworks**

**Excel Electrical Technologies, Inc.**

**FitzGerald & Sons Plumbing**

**Fly and Form**

**Lend Lease**

**Mulkey Enterprises**

**Pattillo Construction Corporation**

**Precision Concrete Construction**

**Pyramid Masonry Contractors**

**SECO Architectural Systems**

**Southeast Sealing, Inc.**

**Southern Pan Services**

**United Forming, Inc.**

**Platinum STEP**

**AMEC Inc.**

**APEC**

**Balfour Beatty Construction**

**BE&K**

**Benning Construction Company**

**Comfort Systems USA – Southeast**

**Gardner Glass & Glazing, Inc.**

**Hardin Construction Company**

**Hathaway Construction**

**HITT Contracting, Inc.**

**Industrial Technical Services**

**Ivey Mechanical**

**JAMCo., Inc.**

**McCarthy Building Companies**

**MetroPower, Inc.**

**Pinkerton & Laws**

**The Saxon Group**

**Skanska USA**

**Southern Wall Systems, Inc.**

**The Winter Construction Company**

**Diamond STEP**

**Fortune-Johnson General Contractors**

**Juneau Construction Company**

**Lauren Engineers & Constructors**

**Manhattan Construction Company**

**PCL Industrial Construction Company**

**W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company**

**Georgia Safety Awards of Excellence**

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ABC of Georgia represents over 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 77 chapters of the Associated Builders and Contractors in Washington, D.C. with more than 25,000 members across the country.

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