

In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement



The AGC Construction Safety and Excellence Awards (CSEA) is an ongoing and evolving effort by AGC to recognize companies who have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs achieved through management commitment, employee involvement, and program innovation. All AGC chapters are encouraged to submit nominations for each division and occupational category.

All of our local winners competed in the national AGC's Safety Excellence Award program, and TEXO would like to congratulate all of the winners in the CSEA program, especially national first-place winner Charter Builders, Ltd. Here is a full list of the winners by category. For more information on what each company did to earn their respective honors, turn to p. 8.

Charter Builders, Ltd.	Construction Management: 100,000 - 500,000
SEDALCO Construction, LP	Construction Management: 100,000 - 500,000
Balfour Beatty Construction	Building Division: 1,000,001 - 4 million
MEDCO Construction, LLC	Building Division: 700,001 - 1 million
Rogers-O'Brien Construction	Building Division: 300,001 - 700,000
BakerTriangle	Specialty Division: 700,001 - 1 million
Marek Brothers Systems, Inc.	Specialty Division: 300,001 - 700,000
AUI Contractors, Inc.	Heavy Division: 300,001 - 700,000

Safety Training and Evaluation Process—STEP

Participating in STEP provides member companies with the opportunity to measure their safety program's progress from year-to-year and determine how it compares to the programs of other ABC members. At its core, STEP remains a way for members to build upon their long-term safety performance and training efforts. Whether you are beginning a safety program or are looking to make the jump to a world-class program, STEP provides a valuable road map to success. There are different levels of participation, and all TEXO members are encouraged to participate.

TEXO would like to congratulate all of the award recipients in the STEP program. Here is a full list of the winners. For more information on what each platinum-level company did to earn their respective honors, turn to p. 16.

Platinum Recipients

Adolfson & Peterson Construction
AUI Contractors, Inc.
BakerTriangle
Balfour Beatty Construction
Big D Metalworks
Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing
Constructors & Associates, Inc.
Dyna Ten Corporation
Gilbane Building Company
Hensel Phelps Construction Co.
Humphrey & Associates, Inc.

Johnston Products of Dallas, Inc.
KPost Company
Lasco Acoustics & Drywall, Inc.
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.
Rogers-O'Brien Construction
SkiHi Enterprises
TDIndustries, Inc.
Thos. S. Byrne, Ltd.

Gold Recipients

DMI Corp/Decker Mechanical
Don Burden & Associates
Marek Brothers Systems, Inc.
Opus West Construction
W.G. Yates Construction
Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing, Inc.
SEDALCO Construction, LP

Silver Recipients

AGUIRRE RODEN, Inc.

CSEA Winner

Marek Bros.

Specialty Division: 300,001 - 700,000

For the Marek Family of Companies, protecting employees from work-related injury or disease is top priority. This responsibility is shared by every level of management and by every individual employee. “Safety does not occur by chance. It is the result of careful attention to all company operations by those involved in management and production,” states the company.

The foundation of the Marek safety plan is clean, organized and efficient operations, and each employee is charged with thoroughly understanding the applicable rules and regulations. To ensure this is in fact the case, the company established Marek University in the year 2000, which provides training and education to cover all aspects of the business.

Falls represent the greatest hazard to Marek employees on the job. As such, the company has placed a particular emphasis on preventing this type of accident. The company maintains a zero-tolerance policy for working unprotected and has documented disciplinary procedures in place to emphasize that fact. Recognizing that those on the frontlines are in the best position to safeguard the staff, Marek supervisors hold weekly safety meetings to impress upon all workers the value of safe work practices. And though the company requires certain topics be covered on a regular basis, the supervisors are encouraged to adapt and expand on these topics as needed, to ensure a safety environment customized to the particular job.

For Marek, the company’s success rests on its highly trained and skilled workforce. ●

CSEA Winner

AUI Contractors, Inc.

Heavy Division: 30,001 - 700,000

“Zero injuries” are expected and the only acceptable goal for AUI Contractors. With 85 percent of workplace injuries attributed to individual unsafe or risky behavior, identifying such behaviors is the cornerstone of the AUI safety and training program, and, adds the company, “critical to achieving zero injury projects.”

The company’s safety, health and environment program is based on five key elements. The first empowers both management and individual workers to put safety first. The next two elements empower each employee to identify, control and prevent on-the-job hazards. Next comes a comprehensive training package that includes: OSHA 10- and 30-hour training; job-hazard analysis; permit-required confined space; excavation and trench; crane operations; accident investigation; personal protective equipment; hazard communication; storm-water prevention program; and competent person for a variety of disciplines. Rounding out the AUI program is

evaluation and recordkeeping, allowing for a system of continuous improvement.

In addition to a broad company-wide program, AUI also incorporates activities at the daily level. A variety of meetings, both large and small, help keep safety at the forefront of every project. Daily work at the jobsite commences with a safety toolbox talk, and new safety topics are discussed at the monthly company-wide meeting. Status meetings all begin with a safety topic, as well.

The AUI team has also identified six areas of particular focus, spearheaded by the project superintendents: safety pre-project and pre-task planning; safety training and orientations; safety incentives; an alcohol and substance abuse program; injury and accident investigation; and safety observations/accident prevention efforts.

The bar is set high at AUI, but the company believes a goal of anything less than zero injuries implies that injuries are tolerated and accepted. ●