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SMACNA Recognition of its Members' Zero Injury Achievements is Benefitting Construction Industry Safety

SMACNA "Zero Injury Safety Recognition"

The NAC would like to recognize the Sheet Metal Air Conditioning National Association for its annual recognitions of member contractors who achieve zero recordable injuries on projects. Since inception the program has recognized over 80,000,000 hours worked injury free. Zero Injury recognition will be given 12 SMACNA member companies achieving hours worked exceeding the OSHA/BLS standard 200,000 hours with zero recordable injuries in 2008. Several additional safety parameters are also used in screening successful winners. The following is excerpted from the *SMACNA News* highlighting the Zero Injury performance winners. A number of additional SMACNA contractors were also given recognition for lesser numbers of injury-free hours.

From *SMAC News*:

"We are proud to recognize the 2009 Safety Excellence Award Program winners in the following man-hour categories....First-place winners will receive their awards at the SMACNA annual convention in Palm Desert, Calif. in October 2009. Second and third place winners will receive their awards by mail. The 2009 award winners are:

Over 500,000 hours

University Mechanical and Engineering Contractors – Tempe, Ariz.,; The Murphy Company – St. Louis, Mo.,; BMW Constructors Inc. – Indianapolis, Ind.

400,001-500,000 hours

Couts Heating and Cooling Inc. – Corona, Calif.,; Temp Control Mechanical Corporation – Portland, Ore.,; Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Group – Milwaukie, Ore.

300,001-400,000 hours

CMC Sheet Metal – Capitol Heights, Md.,; J.M. Brennan Inc. – Milwaukee, Wisc.,; E.J. Bartells – Renton, Wash.

200,001-300,000 hours

NEWJAC Inc. – Lebanon, Ind.,; Alliant Systems LLC – Beaverton, Ore.,; Technical Building Services Inc. – Ballston Spa, N.Y.

The National Academy of Construction congratulates all current and previous SMACNA award winners and extends its commendation to SMACNA for establishing the Safety Excellence Awards recognizing Zero Injury achievements by SMACNA members. NAC also extends congratulations to the Sheet Metal Worker's International Association and its Local Unions for their support of contractors seeking to achieve Zero Injury outcomes on each and every job.

NAC Safety White Papers

Through the Position White Papers on Safety, the National Academy of Construction is recommending that American businesses investigate the research of the Construction Industry Institute (CII) into how increasing numbers of employers are able to achieve a million work hours and more without an OSHA Recordable injury. The nine research-based CII Zero Injury safety leadership categories are: 1. Demonstrated management safety commitment; 2. Staffing for Safety; 3. Safe Work Planning, pre-project and pre-task; 4. Safety Education; orientation and specialized training; 5. Employee Involvement, behavior safety and safety perception surveys; 6. Evaluation and Recognition of Safety Performance; 7. Contractor Selection and Management; 8. Accident/Incident Investigation Including Near Misses; 9. Drug and Alcohol Testing.

See the NAC web site www.naocon.org for previous Safety White Papers.

The ROI of Zero Injury Safety Performance

The Construction Industry Institute research has proved that the cost of successfully implementing the nine CII zero injury categories is returned at a rate of 400 to 500% per annum when compared to the costs of OSHA/BLS injury rate average performance (5.4 TRIR in 2007) for the entire construction industry in the United States of America.

Information and details on the increasingly popular “Zero Injury Safety Leadership Concept” is available from the following:

Construction Industry Institute, 3925 W. Braker Lane (R4500), Austin, TX 78759-5316
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www.construction-institute.org

See the NAC website at www.naocon.org for copies of the NAC Safety Whitepaper series.

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