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NMAPC Recognition of its Member's Zero Injury Achievements is Benefiting Construction Industry Safety

NMAPC "Zero Injury Safety Awards" Annual Recognition Dinner

For decades various means and standards have been used to recognize safety achievement in construction. But emerging in the 21st century has been a landmark safety performance recognition process by the Washington, D.C. based "National Maintenance Agreement Policy Committee," a tripartite organization of Labor, Owners and Contractors seeking construction efficiency. One of their initiatives has been to establish an annual recognition process for NMAPC members who achieve zero injury on projects for preset numbers of work hours. NMAPC has been holding its widely acclaimed Zero Injury Safety Awards Dinner for the past seven years. Those who have been recognized with zero injury awards under this initiative have amassed a multi-year total of over 50 million work hours without an injury.

The National Academy of Construction (NAC) congratulates all current and previous award winners and extends its commendation to NMAPC for establishing the Zero Injury Safety Awards. As far as NAC can determine NMAPC has the only such initiative in the world with a program of recognizing only zero injury safety achievements. Excerpts from the 2007 awards ceremony may be seen in a brief video at the following URL. www.improvingplantlife.com/Safety.html?v71

NAC Safety White Papers

Through the Position Papers on Safety, the National Academy of Construction is recommending that American businesses investigate the research of 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.

NAC Safety Paper (SP) No. 1 emphasizes the importance of proactive attitudes about safety; No. 2 reveals that one company by using these CII research findings achieved 4,649,000 continuous work hours without a recordable injury; No. 3 lists the above nine critical Zero Injury Safety Management Categories; No. 4 discusses "Demonstrated Management Safety Commitment;" No. 5 discusses "Staffing for Safety"; No. 6 covers "Safe Work Planning;" No. 7 covers "Safety Education"; No. 8 covers "Employee Involvement"; No. 9 covers "Evaluation and Recognition of Safety Performance;" No 10 covers "Contractor Selection and Management;" No 11 covers "Accident/Incident Investigations Including Near Misses;" No 12 covers "Drug and Alcohol Testing."

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 for the entire construction industry in America.

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

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

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