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ABC Rocky Mountain Chapter Holds Safety Conference & Awards Luncheon to Educate and Celebrate Members' Commitment to Safety

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The Associated Builders and Contractors Rocky Mountain Chapter (ABCRMC) hosted a Safety Conference & Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Sheraton Denver West to educate members and recognize those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to safety. The event celebrated collective efforts towards safety and education in the construction industry.

A Safety Showcase Expo was open throughout the day; Barrett Business Services, Inc (BBSI), Colorado Safety Supply Company, Preferred Safety Products, Inc. and SFI Compliance hosted booths at the venue to demonstrate their innovative safety practices to the attendees.

The day opened with a breakfast featuring Colorado Safety Supply Company's Kathy Freeman. Through the theme of "*Be Here Now*" she shared her inspiring story of how she defeated the odds of a challenging childhood and developed a passion for touching lives through the construction safety industry.

Following the breakfast, attendees moved into one of two educational sessions. Dr. Anamaria Popescu, Director at Berkeley Research Group, presented on dispute resolution in a session titled "*The Best Defense is a Good Offense: Keys to Effective Risk Mitigation and Dispute Resolution.*" Simultaneously, a panel discussion on "*Fire Awareness, Prevention and Crisis Management for Jobsites*" was led by Dan Johnson with SFI Compliance, Dana Foley with SWRO Nationwide Insurance, and Bruce Kral with West Metro Fire.

After completing the educational sessions, attendees moved into an awards luncheon to recognize workforce development efforts and the ABCRMC members' commitment to safety. The safety awards were presented to member individuals and companies who showed exceptional safety efforts in their categories. Luncheon keynote speaker Sam Walker, Executive Director of the CO Department of Labor and Employment, spoke to the group about their role in Colorado's recent growth and how "[ABC members] reflect the principle of care."

BOB PIPER CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

To promote continuing education in the construction field, ABCRMC presented the following four high school students with the Bob Piper Construction Education Scholarship:

- **David Shipley** will be attending Colorado State University, Pueblo to pursue a degree in Construction Management
- **Ryle Burch** attends Norwood High School; he will be attending Western Colorado Community College to study welding.
- **Hunter Clapper** is from Kit Carson High School. He will be attending North Central Kansas Technical Institute to study electrical technology.
- **Wilson Gebhart** attends Sterling High School and will be attending Colorado Mesa University to pursue a degree in Construction Management.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Tony Dietrich Safety Professional of the Year

Joe Muzy, Safety Specialist
Encore Electric, Inc.

Outstanding Field Professional of the Year

Luke Godwin, Superintendent
FCI Constructors, Inc.

COMPANY AWARDS

Most Improved Safety Program

Casey Industrial

Outstanding Safety Program – General Contractors

Under 150,000 Man-Hours – White Construction Group

150,000 – 350,000 Man-Hours – Milender White

350,000 – 750,000 Man-Hours – Adolfson & Peterson Construction

1 million – 3 million Man-Hours – TIC–The Industrial Company

Over 3 million Man-Hours – Hensel Phelps

Outstanding Safety Programs – Subcontractors

Under 150,000 Man-Hours (tie) – EC Electric, Inc. and Kuck Mechanical Contractors

150,000 – 250,000 Man-Hours – Merit Electric, Inc.

250,000 – 500,000 Man-Hours – Phase 2 Company

500,000 – 1 million Man-Hours – Douglass Colony Group

Over 1 million Man-Hours (tie) – MTech Mechanical and RK Mechanical, Inc.

Outstanding Safety Record – General Contractors

Under 50 Employees – White Construction Group

50 – 99 Employees – dcb Construction Company, Inc.

100 – 199 Employees – Milender White

200 – 499 Employees – FCI Constructors, Inc.

500 – 999 Employees – TIC–The Industrial Company

Over 1,000 Employees – Hensel Phelps

Outstanding Safety Record – Subcontractors

Under 50 Employees – EC Electric, Inc.

50 – 99 Employees – LEI Companies, Inc.

100 – 199 Employees – Piper Electric Co., Inc.

200 – 499 Employees – Heating & Plumbing Engineers, Inc.

500 – 999 Employees – LPR Construction Co.

Over 1,000 Employees – Gaylor Electric

SAFETY TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROCESS (STEP) AWARDS

At the awards luncheon, ABCRMC presented 48 member companies with STEP awards for meeting specified standards in various areas of construction safety. STEP awards are granted by ABC National based on applications, and they are given at five different levels: bronze, silver, gold, platinum, and diamond. These categories are based on each company's safety program performance in twenty key components; the qualifications combine OSHA required safety data with self-assessment requirements to give a comprehensive view of the company's safety program.

To qualify for the prestigious Diamond Level STEP award, candidates must meet **ALL** of these requirements:

- TRIR at or below 50 percent of the BLS NAICS code average in each of previous three years
- ERM at below 0.7 beginning Jan.1 of the application year
- No lives lost or catastrophic incidents, company-wide, during the last three years

- Site-specific safety and health programs with all employees on the jobsite actively participating
- All site supervisory personnel must have completed OSHA 10-hr, and designated safety personnel must have completed an OSHA 30-hr certification
- No willful/repeat OSHA citations (federal or state) within application year or previous two consecutive years

Diamond Level STEP Winners

Gaylor Electric Inc.
 Heating & Plumbing Engineers, Inc.
 Interstate Electrical Contractors, Inc.
 Interstates Companies
 TIC-The Industrial Company

Platinum Level STEP Winners

Copper Spring Solutions LLC
 Design Mechanical
 EC Electric, Inc.
 Encore Electric, Inc.
 FCI Constructors, Inc.
 Hensel Phelps
 Kuck Mechanical Contractors
 LPR Construction Co.
 Mays Concrete, Inc.
 McClone Construction Co.
 Midlands Mechanical, Inc.
 Milender White
 MTech Mechanical
 Piper Electric Co., Inc.
 RK Mechanical, Inc.
 Shaw Construction
 Sun Construction and Facility Services Inc.
 Waner Construction

Gold Level STEP Winners

Alliance Construction Solutions
 Casey Industrial
 dcb Construction Company, Inc.
 Douglass Colony Group
 Fiore & Sons, Inc.
 ICI
 Kenny Electric
 LEI Companies, Inc.
 Parkway Electric & Communications, LLC
 Power Design, Inc.
 Spacecon Specialty Contractors, LLC
 Turner Construction Company
 White Construction Group

Silver Level STEP Winners

ADK Electric Corp.
 Adolfson & Peterson Construction
 Clem N Sons Concrete
 Colorado Barricade
 Diamond Drilling & Sawing Co., Inc.
 Duro Electric Company
 Greiner Electric LLC
 Merit Electric, Inc.
 Mortenson Construction
 MWH Constructors
 Phase 2 Company
 Pinkard Construction

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