



**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
Construction Safety Excellence Awards**

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BOTTOM LINE

AGC of America announces its Thirteenth Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards sponsored by Willis.

The deadline for submitting entries to the **Builders Association** is **Friday, December 6, 2011**. We will then forward completed submissions to the AGC by 12/9/12.

Please visit www.agc.org/CSEA to download application and access application instructions.

BACKGROUND:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) program is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program. AGC's CSEA program recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss prevention programs. The program also showcases companies that have achieved continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems. The Builders Association welcomes the opportunity to submit member nominations for each division and occupational category.

CSEA recognizes those construction companies that excel at safety and health performance, examining each candidate's commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. AGC's CSEA selection process is comprehensive and includes: the review of a company's commitment to management, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

INTRODUCTION:

The CSEA recognizes those construction companies who excel at safety and health performance. This program closely examines each candidate's commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. AGC's CSEA selection process is considerably comprehensive. Judges will look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee

participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

Participants will be required to complete the application forms. The Builders Association will select finalists in each category (if applicable) and submit those recommendations to AGC. Members of the AGC Safety & Health Committee will review the BA's submittals during the January AGC Safety and Health Conference in San Antonio, TX. The finalists in each category will compete during the AGC Annual Convention in Honolulu, HI. Finalists will have an opportunity to give an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. If applicable, the first, second and third place awards will be determined after oral presentations. The award winners will be presented at the Willis Safety Awards Breakfast.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

First, Second and Third place Division Awards: Applicants will be competing in each of the following categories: Building, Highway, Federal and Heavy, Municipal and Utility, Specialty Contractor, and Construction Management.

Grand Award: The Grand Award recipient will be selected from the First place award winners represented in each category. This award is granted to the "Best of the Best" for the Construction Safety Excellence Awards program.

HOW TO ENTER:

Please contact Stacey Kelly at the Builders Association, or visit www.agc.org/CSEA, for the application form. We encourage all of our members to consider submitting an application for this prestigious awards program. Please note that companies who operate in multiple states must submit their application to their "home" chapter.

- Contractor members of AGC of America may apply in only one category, please refer to Application: Part I, for the complete list of categories.
- The application is a step-by-step qualification process. All sections of the application must be completed in full to qualify.
- Submit the completed application form to the **Builders Association by Friday, December 2, 2011**. The BA will then submit its nominations to AGC by Friday, December 9, 2011.
- A **non-refundable** \$200.00 entry fee payable to **AGC of America** is required once the Builders Association accepts your firm as a nomination. We will forward the entry fee and our nomination letter with the completed application to AGC.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS:

There are four parts to the award selection process:

- Part I. The Quantitative Measures;
- Part II. The Program Evaluation Checklist;
- Part III. The Qualitative essays; and
- Part IV. Finalist Presentations – Finalists will Present to a Panel of Judges at AGC's Annual Convention

The awards program is based around three distinct themes:

1. direct evidence of upper management/owner commitment,
2. worker training, and
3. active participation throughout the company.

Lost time injury rates and recordable injury rates are important, but the rates will not be the only metric used to determine the winners.

AGC will invite the finalists to make an oral presentation, not to exceed *five (5) minutes*, to a panel of independent judges during the CSEA Final Judging at the AGC Annual Convention in March. The judges will make the final selections, based on the written submissions and the oral presentations. The Grand Award and the First, Second and Third place award winners will be presented (if applicable) in each category during the Willis-sponsored Safety Awards Breakfast at AGC's Annual Convention.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

- Do ***not*** staple or bind the application pages and summary letters. The materials must be unbound for copying and distribution to the judging panelists.
- Do ***not*** send copies of your company safety manual, policies, employee handouts, sample checklists, training records, safety training videos, or any other safety-related record or form with your application. ***Submittal of this material may result in a reduction in points.***
- Do ***not*** send copies of your OSHA 300A Summary Logs or MSHA logs. The summary total information will be requested on the Application, Part I. ***Submittal of this material may result in a reduction of points.***
- Do ***not*** send advertising literature, flyers, company profile sheets, etc. ***Submittal of this material may result in a reduction of points.***

SCHEDULE & DEADLINES:

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| Contact the BA | Applicants must submit their applications through the Builder Association. Please contact Stacey Kelly for more information on the CSEA process. |
| December 2, 2011 | The BA must receive all components for your firm's application. |
| December 9, 2011 | BA submits its nominations to AGC of America. |
| January 9-10, 2012 | AGC Safety and Health Committee initial judging and review of nominations submitted by the Chapters; followed by the selection of award finalists. |
| January 2012 | AGC will notify the finalists in each category. |

March 11-14, 2012 Finalists presentations and interviews with the independent judging panel at the AGC of America National Convention in Honolulu, HI.

March 15, 2012 Awards ceremony presentation at the Willis-sponsored Safety Awards Breakfast at AGC's Annual Convention in Honolulu, HI

Good luck! We look forward to BA member participation in this awards program.