

# AGC's CSEA Program Promotes Safety Excellence

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) awards construction companies that excel in both safety and health performance. AGC's Annual **Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) Program** is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program in its examination of each candidate's commitment to safety, occupational health management and risk control.

AGC's CSEA selection process is comprehensive, in that evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard and identification and safety program innovation are all among the criteria explored by program judges.

Companies that have achieved



continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health are also showcased by the CSEA program.

The deadline for application submissions is **November 15, 2009**. Please submit all nomination forms to Director of Client Services Kristin Garcia via email ([kgarcia@bldrs.org](mailto:kgarcia@bldrs.org)) or fax (847-318-8586).

*Help The Builders Association select recipients for its Corporate Citizenship Award and its Community Building Awards, both of which will be conferred at the Annual Meeting December 3.*

- The Corporate Citizenship Award recognizes a company dedicated to giving back to its community through philanthropic contributions and public service.
- Individuals nominated for the Community Builder Award must have displayed unique vision and leadership in creating employment opportunities for all citizens, and a dedication to making the Chicagoland area a better place to live and work.

Fax or email nominations to Kristin Garcia (847-318-8586 or [kgarcia@bldrs.org](mailto:kgarcia@bldrs.org)).

## BLS: Construction Fatality Numbers Continue To Fall

### *Study Sheds Light On Improving Numbers Nationwide*

The Bureau of Labor Statistics touches on a grim topic annually with its National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). Since the program's launch in 1992, the numbers have given the public insight to the danger of each profession and where those industries stand in terms of safety in comparison to the previous year.

Fatalities in all industries are identified, verified, and described in the hopes that the results may shed some light on possible solution and prevention methods.

Evidence of the program's success can be found in the preliminary counts reported in the CFOI for the year 2008—the smallest annual preliminary total in nearly 16 years.

That's good news all around, and it's especially good news for the construction industry which surpasses all others in terms of on-the-job fatalities.

According to the preliminary census, the number of fatalities in the industry declined 20 percent in 2008 from 2007. Specialty trade contractors, the subsector of the industry with the most fatalities, decreased by 19 percent, and construction laborer fatalities fell 31 percent.

The number of fatalities among those in management and supervisor positions within both the construction and extraction sectors appears to have risen in comparison to those among manual laborers, more particularly among carpenters, brick masons, electricians, roofers, pipe layers and plumbers.

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