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GBRIA Announces Winners of 2023 Contractor Safety Excellence Awards Banquet

BATON ROUGE, LA – March 20, 2023: The Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance, Inc. (GBRIA) announced the winners of its *27th Annual Safety Excellence Awards*. The awards were presented at a banquet held on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the L'Auberge Resort in Baton Rouge, LA. Approximately 700 guests attended the event, which featured entertainment from “The Cajun Comedian”, Kent Gonsoulin.

The award program was established in an effort to recognize excellent safety performance by contractors working in industrial facilities in 1996 under the leadership of Hal G. Ginn, Plant Manager of DSM Copolymer at the time. Ginn played an instrumental role as the chair of GBRIA in raising safety standards and expectations in industry in the Baton Rouge area, which has spread across the U.S. with other petrochemical and heavy industrial manufacturers.

GBRIA members who nominated their highest performing contractors include Air Liquide, Air Products, Americas Styrenics, BASF, CF Industries, Cornerstone Chemical, Delek – Krotz Springs Refinery, Dow, Eastman, Ethos Energy, ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Complex, ExxonMobil BRPO, ExxonMobil BRPP, Formosa Plastics, Grace, Honeywell (Baton Rouge), Hexion, Innophos, Koch Methanol Terminal, Linde, Lion Elastomers, Koura, Marathon Petroleum, Methanex, Nalco Water, NOVA Chemicals, Nucor Steel, Nutrien, Olin (St. Gabriel and Plaquemine), OxyChem (Convent and Geismar), Placid Refining, Rubicon, Shell Catalysts and Technologies, Shell Chemical (Geismar), Shell (Convent), Shintech Louisiana, SNF Flopam, Solvay USA, Syngenta Crop Protection, Veolia, and Westlake (Geismar and Plaquemine).

The winning contract companies each year demonstrated a level of safety excellence that includes thousands and millions of hours worked without injury, a commitment by management to educate workers, and a fostered zero-incident culture. GBRIA members nominated a total of 63 companies representing more than 250 million hours worked, 120 thousand employees and a combined total recordable incident rate of 0.19, the lowest number ever achieved by GBRIA’s nominees.

The 2023 GBRIA Contractor Safety Excellence Awards were presented in eight service categories with companies being further subdivided in each category by either Division I, Division II or Division III based on company size.

The following companies are GBRIA's 2023 award recipients:

General Construction and Maintenance

Div. I (200K to 450K Hours):

1st Place: *Pipe and Steel Industrial Fabricators*

2nd Place: *Arkel Constructors*

3rd Place: *Volks Constructors*

Div. II (900K to 1.6M Hours):

1st Place: *AltairStrickland*

2nd Place: *Optimal Field Services, LLC*

3rd Place: *Primoris Energy Services*

Div. III (3M to 34.6M Hours):

1st Place: *Repcon*

2nd Place: *EXCEL*

3rd Place: *Brown & Root Industrial Services & Worley Field Services (tie)*

Civil Construction (300K Hours)

1st Place: *Beard Construction Group*

Commercial Construction (170K Hours)

1st Place: *The McDonnell Group*

Crane & Rigging (290K to 1.6M Hours)

1st Place: *Deep South Crane & Rigging*

2nd Place: *Bengal Crane*

Specialty Trade Hard Craft

Div. I (281K to 1.5M Hours):

1st Place: *Merit Electrical Inc.*

2nd Place: *Westgate LLC*

3rd Place: *Cust-O-Fab Specialty Services*

Div. II (2M to 4.3M Hours):

1st Place: *Contech Control Services, LLC*

2nd Place: *JVIC (A Zachry Group Company)*

3rd Place: *Turner Specialty Services, LLC*

Div. III (5M to 9.8M Hours):

1st Place: *ISC Constructors*

2nd Place: *MMR Constructors*

3rd Place: *Triad Electric and Controls*

Specialty Trade Soft Craft

Div. I (62K to 450K Hours):

- 1st Place: *NextGen Scaffold Services*
- 2nd Place: *Specialty Application Services*
- 3rd Place: *Conco Services, LLC*

Div. II (670K to 2M Hours):

- 1st Place: *3S Team*
- 2nd Place: *Thorpe Specialty Services Corporation*
- 3rd Place: *Industrial Specialists*

Div. III (6M to 18M Hours):

- 1st Place: *Brock Services*
- 2nd Place: *Apache Industrial Services*
- 3rd Place: *BrandSafway*

Technical Support

Div. I (29K to 135K Hours):

- 1st Place: *Bunker Gear Specialists*
- 2nd Place: *Bertrand Inspection Services*
- 3rd Place: *Loadstar Product Handling and Site Logistics*

Div. II (190K to 423K Hours):

- 1st Place: *Technical and Environmental Services*
- 2nd Place: *Athlon Solutions*
- 3rd Place: *Austin Fire Systems*

Div. III (6.2M to 9.3M Hours):

- 1st Place: *Acuren Inspection, Inc.*
- 2nd Place: *Total Safety U.S.*
- 3rd Place: *PSC Group*

Marine Construction (150K Hours)

1st Place: *Stewart Constriction*

GBRIA also announced **Performance Contractors** as the winner of the **Community Service Award** and **Apache Industrial Services** as the winner of the **Innovation Award**.

This year, we had two top awards; the **2023 Hal G. Ginn Safety Excellence Award**, was earned by **AltairStrickland** and **Brock Services** for the best overall safety performance of all nominees.

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