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CONTRACTOR SAFETY AWARDS BANQUET

JULY 19, 2024 - Sulphur, Louisiana – The Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana’s annual Contractor Safety Performance Awards Banquet took place on Thursday, July 18th, 2024, at the West-Cal Arena and Events Center. This annual celebration recognizes the industry's dedication to developing and achieving a strong safety culture among contractors and the industries they support.

The Awards are hosted in collaboration by the Southwest Louisiana Construction User’s Council (SLCUC), Lake Area Industry Alliance (LAIA), and the Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana (SCSWLA).

The Keynote Speaker for the event was Garrison Wynn, whose clients include Amazon, ExxonMobil, Caterpillar, The NFL and NASA. He is an Amazon.com #1 Bestselling author who has spoken on 5 continents and been Featured in Forbes and Inc. Magazines. A former professional comedian, Garrison is a chemical plant explosion survivor and former Fortune 500 leader who has helped to develop safety products that are still being sold in 30 countries.

Contractors considered for this award have challenged themselves to reach ever higher safety standards by instilling industry best practices. A rigorous grading method outlined by OSHA standards along with documented enforcement of safety regulations make up a point system by which the nominees are scored.

Awards are categorized by man-hours worked and the type of work done. The *Best-in-Class Awards* are reserved for those companies that obtained the highest scores in each category and are only awarded when the company meets certain point levels. Categories and awards presented at the banquet were as follows:

Specialty - Category I (5,000 – 75,000 man-hours):

- Silver: Burrow Global Services; Total Safety

Specialty - Category II (75,001 – 500,000 man-hours):

- Best in Class: Energy Rental Solutions- CAT
- Gold: R&H Quality Refractory Services
- Silver: 24 HR. Safety; Precision Machinery Contractors; Wastewater Specialties, LLC; S&S Sprinkler Company; Midwest Cooling Tower Services, LLC; Levingston Group; Howell Industries
- Bronze: Pro Waste, LLC; SET Environmental

Specialty - Category III (Over 500,000 man-hours):

- Gold: Excel Modular
- Silver: Alliance Industrial Group, LLC; Excel Modular Scaffolding and Leasing

General - Category I:

- Gold: ITS – Industrial Tank & Services

General - Category II:

- Best-In-Class: Austin Industrial
- Silver: ControlWorx, LLC; Zachry Maintenance Services

General - Category III:

- Best-In-Class: Universal Plant Services
- Gold: Turner Industries; Brown & Root Industrial Services; Brock Group; Apache Industrial Services
- Silver: S&B Engineering and Construction; Excel Contractors; Ohmstede

Technical Contractor - Category I:

- Silver: LRC Wireless

Technical Contractor - Category III:

- Gold: ReCon Management Services
- Silver: Tolunay-Wong Engineers
- Bronze: Alliance Technical Group

Winner of the Excellence Award, recognizing continuous improvement with the largest improvement year over year, was **Apache Industrial Services**.

We would like to thank our sponsors, speakers, staff, and everyone who attended the event. Additional award winners who were not present will be notified by Safety Council staff. For more information or details about the event please email info@scswla.org.

Photo: VIP Sponsor & Gold Award Winner, Turner Industries, receiving their Gold award from Sarita Scheufens, CEO of SCSWLA, and Dale Logan, Executive Director, SLCUC.

About Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana (SCSWLA): Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana is a non-profit organization dedicated to cost-effective services for the Southwest Louisiana region and business sector. Serving SWLA since 1955, the Safety Council is expanding operations to meet employers' needs for a more skilled and adaptable workforce. From site-specific plant safety orientations and employee onboarding services, the SCSWLA is committed to meeting the safety and training needs of our members and the community we serve.

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