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United Contractors Announces Winners of the Annual R.E.A.L. Safety Awards

[San Ramon, CA, June 26, 2024] – United Contractors (UCON) is proud to announce the winners of the 2023 R.E.A.L. Safety Awards. This prestigious program Recognizes Excellence, Awareness, and Leadership in safety within the construction industry.

The REAL Safety Awards highlight the commitment of union-signatory construction companies to maintaining and enhancing safe working environments. The awards underscore the importance of a proactive safety culture across our industry by honoring the safest and most improved companies.

AWARD WINNERS

This year's winners have set remarkable standards in workplace safety and are exemplary models for the industry:

1,000,000+ MAN-HOURS

- Michels Pacific Energy, Inc.
- Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.
- Sully-Miller Contracting Company

250,001-500,000 MAN-HOURS

- Ghilotti Bros, Inc.
- O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc.
- St. Francis Electric LLC

100,001-250,000 MAN-HOURS

- California Engineering Contractors, Inc.
- JMH Engineering and Construction, Inc. (also Team Zero)
- KDW Construction, LLC

UP TO 100,000 MAN-HOURS

- E.E. Gilbert Construction, Inc. (also Team Zero)
- Odigos Construction, Inc. (also Team Zero)
- Walsh Group



REAL SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE, AWARENESS
& LEADERSHIP IN SAFETY STATEWIDE

(United Contractors Safety Awards Cont.)

SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

- Ezequiel Lepe - Robert A. Bothman Construction
- Mike Blewett - Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. (also Team Zero)

MOST UNIQUE SAFETY PROJECT

- Teichert Construction

MOST IMPROVED SAFETY RATING

- California Engineering Contractors, Inc.
- Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. (also Team Zero)

TEAM ZERO ACHIEVEMENT: UCON recognizes the following contractor members who achieved **Team Zero** - having a zero incident rate in 2023:

- California Rebar Fabricators Incorporated
- Pacific Boring, Inc.
- Robert Burns Construction, Inc.
- Silverado Contractors, Inc.
- Western Water Constructors, Inc.

"These awards are not just about recognizing those who have achieved high standards of safety but also about inspiring all our members to prioritize safety every day," said Emily Cohen, Executive Vice President of United Contractors. "We commend all the companies that participated. Their dedication to safety makes a significant difference in our industry and contributes to building a safer future for all workers."

Mike Donlon, Chief Safety Consultant at UCON, added, "This year's recipients have gone above and beyond to integrate safety into their daily operations, showing that effective safety practices are not only feasible but also beneficial. Their achievements reflect their relentless pursuit of a safer workplace and their leadership in setting safety benchmarks."

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About the REAL Safety Awards

Established by United Contractors, the REAL Safety Awards are an integral part of UCON's mission to educate, empower, and support California's union contractors. Through the REAL Safety Awards Program, which is administered by UCON's Safety & Insurance Committee, we honor our member companies' achievements in safety and advance our united commitment to continuous safety improvement across the industry.

About United Contractors (UCON)

United Contractors is a member-driven association representing over 750 union-signatory construction firms and affiliate members across California. UCON is dedicated to protecting, educating, and empowering California's union contractors through labor relations, political advocacy, HR support, safety & regulatory services, professional & leadership development, and industry networking.

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