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United Contractors Celebrates Excellence in Safety with Annual R.E.A.L. Safety Awards

[San Ramon, CA, June 20, 2025] – United Contractors (UCON) is proud to recognize the outstanding winners of the 2024 R.E.A.L. Safety Awards. This distinguished program, **R**ecognizing **E**xcellence, **A**wareness, and **L**eadership, promotes a strong culture of safety throughout the construction industry.

Each year, the R.E.A.L. Safety Awards highlight the exceptional efforts of union-signatory contractors committed to safeguarding their workforce and prioritizing injury prevention. These awards emphasize the industry's ongoing dedication to proactive, high-impact safety practices that benefit workers across California.

This year, the program received a record number of applications—more than any year since the program began twenty years ago. The volume and quality of submissions reflect the growing emphasis on workplace safety throughout the union construction industry. Contractors across the state are raising the bar, and UCON is proud to shine a light on several of these companies leading the way in Safety.

AWARD WINNERS

This year's winners, reflecting 2024 projects, exemplify leadership in safety performance and continuous improvement:

1,000,000+ MAN-HOURS

- Granite Construction Company
- Stacy Witbeck
- Sully-Miller Contracting Company



REAL SAFETY AWARD WINNERS

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE, AWARENESS
& LEADERSHIP IN SAFETY STATEWIDE

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500,001-1,000,000 MAN-HOURS

- Condon-Johnson & Associates, Inc.
- Ghilotti Bros, Inc.
- Mountain Cascade, Inc.
- Preston Pipelines Infrastructure, LLC

250,001-500,000 MAN-HOURS

- Anvil Builders
- Monterey Mechanical Co.
- St. Francis Electric

100,001-250,000 MAN-HOURS

- California Engineering Contractors, Inc.
- Foundation Constructors, Inc.
- KDW Construction, LLC (*also Team Zero*)

UP TO 100,000 MAN-HOURS

- Hoseley Corporation (*also Team Zero*)
- Robert Burns Construction, Inc. (*also Team Zero*)
- Western Water Construction

MOST UNIQUE SAFETY PROJECT

- Foundation Constructors, Inc.
- Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.
- Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc. (*also Team Zero*)



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MOST IMPROVED SAFETY RATING

- Goodfellow Bros. California, LLC
- KDW Construction, LLC (*also Team Zero*)
- Preston Pipelines Infrastructure, LLC

SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

- Rich Poppoff, Equipment Superintendent – DeSilva Gates Construction
- Anthony Guadagnolo, Operating Foreman – Goodfellow Bros. California LLC
- Eb Lopez, Senior Safety Manager – Preston Pipelines Infrastructure, LLC
- Mark Solano, EHFS Manager – Laborers Training School of Southern California

TEAM ZERO ACHIEVEMENT: UCON congratulates the following contractor member companies for achieving **Team Zero** status by maintaining a zero-incident record in 2024:

- Associated Traffic Safety, Inc.
- CONCO WEST, INC.
- GSW Construction, Inc.
- Hoseley Corporation
- KDW Construction, LLC
- PC&N Construction, Inc.
- Pacific Boring, Inc.
- Pacific States Environmental Contractors
- Robert Burns Construction, Inc.
- Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc.
- Silverado Contractors, Inc.
- Team Ghilotti, Inc.
- Techno Coatings, Inc.
- Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, Inc.



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"The R.E.A.L. Safety Awards are about more than recognition—they're about reinforcing a shared commitment to safety every single day," said **Emily Cohen**, Executive Vice President of United Contractors. "Our winners represent what's possible when safety is embedded into a company's DNA."

Mike Donlon, Chief Safety Consultant at UCON, added, "This year's recipients have not only set new safety benchmarks—they've modeled what strong, sustained leadership in safety looks like on every job site."

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About the R.E.A.L. Safety Awards

The R.E.A.L. Safety Awards program is a core part of UCON's mission to uplift California's union contractors through education, advocacy, and proactive industry support. Started in 2005, and guided by UCON's Safety & Insurance Committee, the program and awards promote a forward-thinking culture of safety excellence and continued improvement.

About United Contractors (UCON)

United Contractors is a member-driven association representing nearly 800 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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