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RE: AGC of America 18th Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) Program

Dear Kansas City Chapter AGC Member:

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) is proud to announce the 18th Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) program sponsored by Willis Towers Watson. AGC’s CSEA program recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss prevention programs. The program also showcases companies that have achieved continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems.

INTRODUCTION:

The CSEA recognizes those construction companies who excel at safety and health performance. This program closely examines each candidate’s commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. AGC’s CSEA selection process is considerably comprehensive. Judges will look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

AGC participants are required to complete AGC of America CSEA application forms, and submit to the Kansas City Chapter of AGC or directly to AGC of America, after getting authorization from their respective chapters. The Kansas City Chapter of AGC Safety and Health Committee will select finalists in each category (if applicable) and submit those recommendations to AGC of America. Members of the AGC Safety & Health Committee will review submittals during the January 2017 AGC Safety and Health Conference in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The finalists in each category will compete during the AGC Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Finalists will have an opportunity to give an oral presentation, not to exceed five (5) minutes, in front of a panel of judges. The Grand Award and the First, Second and Third place award winners (if applicable) will be presented in each category during the Willis Towers Watson Safety Awards Breakfast at the AGC of America Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

First, Second and Third place Division Awards: Applicants will be competing in each of the following divisions: Building (GC Only), Highway, Federal and Heavy, Utility Infrastructure, Specialty Contractor, Vendor and Supplier, Construction Insurance and Construction Management.

Grand Award: The Grand Award recipient will be selected from the First place award winners represented in each division and category. This award is granted to the “Best of the Best” for the Construction Safety Excellence Awards program.
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**HOW TO ENTER:**

- Contact Phil Shoemaker, Safety, Health & Environmental Services Director for The Kansas City Chapter AGC for information on the CSEA process.
- Visit [www.agc.org/CSEA](http://www.agc.org/CSEA) to download application and access application instructions.
- Contractor members of AGC of America may apply in only one division and category, please refer to Section 2, for the complete list of categories.
- The application is a step-by-step qualification process. All sections of the application must be completed in full to qualify.
- Submit two (2) copies of the completed application forms and a non-refundable entry fee check in the amount of $250.00 payable to AGC of America by 5:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 to:

  **Kansas City Chapter AGC**  
  105 West 12th Ave.  
  North Kansas City, Missouri 64116  
  Attn: Phil Shoemaker

- Kansas City Chapter AGC member applications are reviewed and nominated to the AGC of America by the Kansas City Chapter AGC Safety and Health Committee.

**SELECTION OF FINALISTS:**

There are four parts to the CSEA program selection process:

- **Part I.** The Quantitative Measures;
- **Part II.** The Program Evaluation Checklist;
- **Part III.** The Qualitative essays; and
- **Part IV.** Finalist Presentations – Finalists will Present to a Panel of Judges at AGC’s Annual Convention **March 4-7, 2017**, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The CSEA program is based around three distinct themes:

- **Theme I.** Direct evidence of upper management/owner commitment,
- **Theme II.** Worker training, and
- **Theme III.** Active participation throughout the company.

Lost time injury rates and recordable injury rates are important, but the rates are not the only metric used to determine the winners. During the January 2017 AGC Safety & Health Conference the preliminary judges will review all of the nominees’ written applications. This initial judging process will select the finalists for the CSEA.

AGC will then invite the finalists to make an oral presentation, not to exceed *five (5) minutes*, to a panel of independent judges during the CSEA Final Judging at the AGC Annual Convention.
The judges will make the final selections, based on the written submissions and the oral presentations. The Grand Award and the First, Second and Third place award winners (if applicable) will be presented in each category during the Willis Safety Awards Breakfast at AGC’s Annual Convention.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Do not** staple or bind the application pages and summary letters. The materials must be unbound for copying and distribution to the judging panelists.
- **Do not** send copies of your company safety manual, policies, employee handouts, sample checklists, training records, safety training videos, or any other safety-related record or form with your application. *Submittal of this material may result in a reduction in points.*
- **Do not** send copies of your OSHA 300A Summary Logs or MSHA logs. The summary total information will be requested on the Application, Section 3. *Submittal of this material may result in a reduction of points.*
- **Do not** send advertising literature, flyers, company profile sheets, etc. *Submittal of this material may result in a reduction of points.*

SCHEDULE & DEADLINES:

- **December 14, 2016** Submit completed application to the Kansas City Chapter of AGC,
- **December 19, 2016** The Kansas City Chapter AGC submits completed and reviewed CSEA Applications to AGC of America.
- **January 23-24, 2017** AGC Safety and Health Committee initial judging and review of applications followed by the selection of award finalists.
- **January 2017** AGC will notify the finalists in each category.
- **March 4-7, 2017** Finalists presentations and interviews with the independent judging panel at the AGC of America Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **March 8, 2017** Awards ceremony presentation at the Willis Towers Watson Safety Awards Breakfast at AGC’s Annual Convention at the Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions completing the form or the CSEA process. I can be reached by telephone at **816.595.4158** or email at pshoemaker@buildersassociation.com

Kindest regards,

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