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AGC CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

UCI has been awarded the AGC/WILLIS HRH Construction Safety Excellence Award for 2009 by the Associated General Contractors of America. The award was presented at the AGC's 90th Annual Convention in San Diego, CA, on Friday, March 6.

UCI competed with companies from around the United States in the Heavy Division / 100,000-300,000 man hours. The prestigious panel of judges represented a variety of industry associations:

- Mr. Sherwood Kelly, Senior Vice President at Willis HRH;
- Mr. Richard Wright, Chief, Safety and Occupational Health at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- Mr. Bill Parsons, Director, Directorate of Construction, Office of Construction Standards and Guidance, OSHA;
- Mr. Pay Conroy, Program Director at the Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHST); AND
- Mr. Mark Elfrink, Manager of Construction Safety and Brewery Security at Anheuser Busch (Retired)

UCI was judged on their accident-free record, the safety procedures and activities in their corporate safety program, and the overall safety culture of the company. "There's no better measure of the strength of a company than its ability to keep its workers safe and healthy," said Doug Pruitt, incoming president of AGC. "These companies understand that safety is much more than a series of requirements, it is a way of operating that drives every decision on every project, every time."

In accepting the award Charles (Chuck) Grier, President and CEO commented, "This award is for everyone in our company because all have embraced our corporate safety program. As one of our field supervisors told me, when we initially started the program some employees were skeptical. However, as they began seeing the benefits that the program gives to everyone and the accident-free results it creates, it has been embraced by our entire company."

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) is the largest and oldest national construction trade association in the United States. Operating in partnership with its nationwide network of Chapters, AGC provides a full range of services satisfying the needs and concerns of its members, thereby improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest.

UCI specializes in the heavy and industrial construction markets. Established in 1950, UCI has grown into a leading edge company with construction sites throughout the United States. Engineering News Record consistently ranks UCI among the Top 600 Specialty Contractors and the Top 20 Utility Construction Companies in the country.

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