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Press Release

Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut Hosts Premier Construction Event

10th Annual Excellence in Construction Award ceremony highlights top construction contractors

February 1, 2012 Rocky Hill, Connecticut: Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC) hosted its 10th annual Excellence in Construction awards ceremony on January 26, 2012 at the Aquaturf in Southington, CT with over 600 of the industry in attendance. The event honored construction companies and subcontractors who performed work on outstanding construction projects completed as of October 2011. The Excellence in Construction award ceremony was held in conjunction with the association's annual dinner where the 2012 Board of Directors & Officers were sworn in with Debra Sarazin of Sarazin General Contractors, Inc. as Chair, Jeffrey Clement with Modern Mechanical Systems, Inc. as Vice Chair, Michael Sabol of Mahoney Sabol & Company as Treasurer and Charles Tobin of C.E. Floyd Company, Inc. as Secretary.

CT ABC honored Diane Harp Jones, President of the American Institute of Architects, Connecticut Chapter, with an Industry Person of the Year award for her dedication to improve the entire construction industry and building coalitions.

38 contractors entered to win one of four "Best of the Best" safety awards, and the winners were:

Small General Contractor/Construction Manager	C.E. Floyd Company, Inc.
Large General Contractor/Construction Manager	Cianbro Corporation
Small Specialty Contractor	Notch Mechanical Constructors
Large Specialty Contractor	Electrical Contractors, Inc.

CT ABC honored three firms for outstanding service to the industry:

Associate Member of the Year	Smith Brothers Insurance
Specialty Contractor of the Year	BCI, Inc. D/B/A Butler Company
Contractor of the Year (Merit Cup Winner)	Castle Concrete Corp.

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CT ABC's nod to "American Idol" – their People's Choice award, allows on-line and in-person voting! With 500 votes received, the winner was the Whitney Center Renaissance Expansion project submitted by KBE Building Corp. and Professional Electrical Contractors of CT, Inc.

The Excellence in Construction and Merit Award winners are projects submitted to this annual competition and judged by an independent panel of judges which include architects, engineers and university professionals. Project submittals must adhere to rigorous application requirements for consideration of the year's top honors. Contractors must not only demonstrate outstanding quality in construction, references from the project owner, but also rigorous safety performance!

The year's Best in Show was awarded to KBE Building Corporation for the Armed Forces Reserve Center project. This top designation is chosen by the panel of judges as the year's best of the best as this 204,000 square foot project included a massive site work component that required the removal of more than 500,000 cubic yards of soil. This project was designed and constructed in just eighteen months!

This year CT ABC recognized the following companies as Excellence In Construction Award recipients:

Mechanical: Commercial: Yale University 493 College Street Building, Crest Mechanical Services, Inc.

Electrical: Commercial: Hospital of Central CT Surgical Suite Upgrades, EMCOR Services New England Mechanical

Healthcare: Whitney Center Renaissance Expansion Project, KBE Building Corporation

Residential: Highwood Square, LaRosa Building Group, LLC

Institutional: Stratfield Elementary School, Malkin Construction Corp.

Renovation: Bellarmine Museum of Art at Fairfield University, Petra Construction Corp.

Other Construction: Silver Sands State Park Walnut Beach Boardwalk, LaRosa Building Group, LLC

Infrastructure: Heavy: Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge Replacement - Contract B1, Cianbro Corporation

This year CT ABC recognized the following companies as Merit Award recipients:

Mechanical: Commercial: Fairfield University Dormitories, Modern Mechanical Systems, Inc.

Healthcare/Institutional: Dental Preclinical Teaching & Prosthetics Laboratory Renovation at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Sarazin General Contractors, Inc.

Other Specialty Construction: Gateway Community College, United Steel, Inc.

Residential: Westwood, Viking Construction, Inc.

Event and Project Photos available upon request.

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Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC), a Chapter of the national Associated Builders and Contractors, is a membership organization comprised Merit Shop member-firms in Connecticut. Merit Shop contractors represent 85% of the construction labor in Connecticut.

