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News Release: Showcasing Excellence

Every other year, general contractors and subcontractors enter their best work in Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.'s "Excellence in Construction" Awards Competition. This year ABC produced its 14th edition of "Excellence" with awards ceremonies held on April 24th, at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tampa. Over 500 people attended the multi-media event that filled four ballrooms.

The purpose of this awards program is to highlight ABC member's achievements in construction. This includes the quality of work, the size of the projects, and the amount of different materials used. 'Excellence' is a vehicle that offers the opportunity to members to showcase their finest work completed within the previous twenty-four months.

Steve P. Cona, Jr., President/CEO of ABC's Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, said, "Many of the project entries were outstanding in not only diversity, but also in their scope of work, attention to detail and the desire to meet and exceed owners expectations". In his opening statement, Chris Jimenez, Chairman of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter stated "Let us be mind full that the true winners are the men and women craft professional who truly build our projects with their hands, their skills and their knowledge of their trade."

This year the competition generated some 97 entries from ABC general contractor and subcontractors members. The superior level of craftsmanship and quality shown in every entry and winner continues to reach new heights. With several different categories and subcontractors, the awards covered the gamut of the construction industry. The mix of entries this year included area schools; corporate headquarter facilities, high rise multifamily buildings and university buildings, just to name a few.

And to judge these projects, a panel represented by a cross section of the industry including architects, engineers, and industry leaders was selected. During the judging process the panel reviewed the scope of work and many photos of each project entry and ranked them on criteria such as quality of specialized workmanship, attention to electrical, mechanical systems, examination of detail to general appearance and uniqueness of the project entry. Judges then assigned a numerical score for the entries with the highest score being named the winner in each specific category. This year, winners submitted projects in commercial, industrial, educational, healthcare and institutional work. Winning projects likewise, also fell into a cost range of under 1 million to over 20 million.

The award for "Subcontractor Project of the Year" was presented to Coastal Mechanical, Inc. for The Villages Regional Hospital, located in an active retirement community in sunny central Florida. This project had the most difficult challenges in design, materials, equipment and craftsmanship incorporated into the project.

The award for "General Contractor Project of the Year" award was awarded to the general contractor whose project had the highest possible scores with most ABC member subcontractors, supplier and associate members on the particular project. This year, the coveted award went to Hardin Construction, for the extraordinary, Westin Tampa Bay Airport Hotel. The winning firm had the highest quality score with the most ABC member companies working on the project! Cona said, "It is proof positive that it pays to do business with ABC members".

The Excellence in Construction awards strives to honor those individuals and companies who exemplify the high quality of merit shop workmanship in their projects while upholding a dedication to building projects on time and under budget. "Our association and these awards bring people together in a spirit of not only healthy competition, but also solid business relationships that bring positive results", Cona explained.

Winners listed on following pages.



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2009 Excellence In Construction Winners

Company/Project	Category
ABI Companies, Inc. Gensler Corporate Office	Commercial Renovations Under 1 million
Ajax Building Corp. Florida Gulf Coast Library Renovation	Institutional Renovations 10-20 million
Alliance Plumbing & Mechanical USF Marshall Center	Mechanical Plumbing Under 1 million
Balfour Beatty Construction Manatee County Public Safety Center	Institutional Correctional Facilities 20+ million
BCH Mechanical Tampa General Hospital Expansion	Mechanical 20+ million
BCH Mechanical Grand Central	Mechanical 3-10 million
Bovis Lend Lease Market Street @ Heath Brook	Commercial 20+ million
Cox Fire Protection, Inc. HCC South Shore	Fire Protection Under 1 million
Creative Contractors, Inc. Gulf Trace Elementary School	Institutional K-12 School 10-20 million
Creative Contractors, Inc. Avila Golf & Country Club Renovation	Historic Renovation 3-10 million
Crowther Roofing & Sheet Metal Ave Maria University	Roofing
Cutler Associates Safari Lodge	Metal Buildings 3-10 million
Cutler Associates Gator Falls	Construction 1-3 million
Fortune Electrical Construction Island Coast High School	Electrical 3-10 million Institutional
Hardin Construction Company Grand Central	Multi-Family Condos 20+ million
Hennessy Construction Services Spa Oceana @ Don CeSar Beach Resort	Commercial 3-10 million
Hunt Construction Group/Mathews Taylor Charlotte Sports Park	Sport Complex Renovations 20+ million
J. Kokolakis Contracting Hillsborough County Court Facilities Renovation	Commercial Renovation 20+ million
J.O. DeLotto & Sons, Inc. Landy Hall Upper Division Classroom	Institutional 3-10 million School
Johnson Brothers Treasure Island Causeway Bascule Bridge	Public Works 20+ million
Kalemeris Construction, Inc. Horizon House	Residential Renovation Under 1 million
KHS & S Contractors Sandpearl Resort	Stucco - Drywall 3-10 million
KHS & S Contractors Seminole Hard Rock Casino Expansion	Stucco-Drywall 10-20 million
Kraft Construction Company Naples Bay Resort	Hotel Construction 20+ million
Kraft Construction Company Waterside Parking Garage	Commercial Parking Garage 20+ million



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Mader Southeast, Inc. Oak Cove Renovation	Stucco – Drywall Under 1 million
Mader Southeast, Inc. Publix Greenwise	Stucco – Drywall
MARK 1 Contracting, Inc. W Plaza	Concrete Construction
Owen Ames Kimball Company Peace River Elementary	General Contractors School Projects K – 12 20+ million
Painters on Demand St. Petersburg College Annex 2	Painting
Peter R. Brown Construction, Inc. Sanibel Recreation Center	Commercial 10 – 20 million
Pro-Crete Systems, Inc. Sandpearl Resort & Residences	Roofing
R.M. Williams Construction, Inc. I-4 Weigh-In Motion Station	Public Works 3-10 million
Skanska Building, Inc. Tampa General Hospital Expansion	Institutional Healthcare Facilities 20+ million
Southern Power & Controls NW Regional Water Reclamation Facility	Electric Division 16, Industrial 3-10 million
Suffolk Construction Company/Kraft Ave Maria University	Institutional 20+ million college construction
Tappouni Mechanical, Inc. University Community Hospital	Mechanical 1-3 million
The Beck Group Walker Brands	Commercial 1-3 million
Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. The Lofts at West End	Electrical 1 to 3 million multi-family
Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. Waters Edge of Bradenton	Electrical 1 - 3 million Healthcare Facility
Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc. Johnnie Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center	Electrical under 1 – 3 million Institutional
Turner Tree and Landscape Private Mountain Bike Park	Site Construction
Vanderbilt Bay Construction Collier County Special Ops	Metal Building 10-20 million
Vanderbilt Bay Construction Collier County Jail Renovation	Renovation 3 – 10 million Correctional Facilities
W.G. Mills, Inc. St. Pete College NS & Math Building	Institutional 10 – 20 million College Facility
Wright Construction Group Collier County Fleet Facility	Public Works 10 - 20 million
Projects of the Year	
Sub-Contractor	General Contractor
Coastal Mechanical Services The Villages Regional Hospital	Hardin Construction Company Westin Tampa Bay Airport Hotel