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Construction Employers' Association Recognizes Safety Excellence

At its Annual General Membership Dinner meeting on January 14 in Concord, the Construction Employers' Association (CEA) recognized 13 California building contractors who received the 2013 CEA President's Safety Award. Recipients of this prestigious award reported a total incident rate at least 50 % below the industry average; a lost workday incident rate at least 50 % below the industry average; an experience modification rate of less than or equal to .70; and were a recognized Cal/OSHA - Voluntary Protection Program participant (Cal/VPP Construction), or otherwise demonstrated a comprehensive safety training program.

President's Safety Awards were presented to the following firms by CEA President Eric Foster of Swinerton Builders and CEA Safety Committee Chairperson and recipient of the 2013 CEA Leadership in Safety Award, Dana Lahargoue of Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.:

- C. Overea & Co., Richmond;
- Clark Construction Group - California, LP, Oakland;
- Dome Construction Corporation, South San Francisco;
- DPR Construction, Redwood City;
- Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Co., Inc., San Carlos;
- Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc., Benicia;
- McCarthy Building Companies, Inc., San Francisco;
- McClone Construction Company, Shingle Springs;
- Performance Mechanical, Inc., Pittsburg;
- S. J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc., Redwood Shores;
- Skanska USA Building, Inc., Oakland;
- The Boldt Company of Sacramento; and,
- XL Construction Corporation, Milpitas

Vance Brown, Inc. of Palo Alto received the 2013 CEA Most Improved



Recipients of this prestigious award demonstrated a comprehensive safety training program.

Safety Program Award. During the evaluation period, the firm experienced a 100% decrease in their Incident Rate, a 22% decrease in their Experience Modification Rate (EMR) coupled with a downward trend in their EMR, as well as demonstrating a comprehensive training program.

Dana Lahargoue, corporate safety director of Roebbelen Contracting Inc., was awarded the 2013 CEA Leadership in Safety Award. Besides managing the health and safety program for her company, Lahargoue also oversees the company's drug and alcohol testing program, and maintains Roebbelen's various quality and safety certifications. Lahargoue also finds time to serve the broader construction industry, having chaired the CEA Safety Program Steering Committee since 2005.

She also represents CEA at Cal/OSHA public hearings and advisory committee meetings; facilitating CEA safety forums and Safety Committee meetings; and serves as a guest speaker at CEA-sponsored safety forums and substance abuse trainings. In addition, Lahargoue has also been an active member of the Safety Advisory Council for the Sacramento Regional Build-

ers Exchange since 2006, helping to organize the annual Statewide Safety Training and Management Conference (Safety Expo).

"CEA is proud to recognize Dana for her outstanding efforts in promoting safety in the construction industry," says Michael Walton, secretary of CEA.

CEA will host a special luncheon on February 6th at the Contra Costa Country Club in Pleasant Hill to present the 2013 CEA Excellence in Safety Awards.

