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BCANJ PRESENTS SAFETY AWARDS TO 20 CONTRACTOR MEMBERS

Edison, NJ – In a special presentation before the membership of the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ), BCANJ conferred its highest safety award to 17 member firms that completed 2009 without losing a single workday due to an accident. Three member firms also received awards for finishing the year with "lost workday incidence rates" below the national average for the construction industry.

In addition to the awards, five BCANJ member firms were recognized for their participation in the Construction Industry Safety Partnership (CISP), a program developed cooperatively by BCANJ, the New Jersey General Construction Trades and OSHA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The partnership encourages New Jersey's contractors to achieve a high level of worker safety and health and helps educate workers so they can prevent accidents and life-threatening situations on jobsites in the state.

The contractor firms were honored for their safety excellence at the BCANJ's 21st Annual Safety Awards Program on June 22, 2010, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ, attended by more than 90 BCANJ members and guests. During the past 21 years, the Association has presented more than 390 safety awards to its member firms in recognition of their commitment to safety and excellence in the workplace.

"For more than two decades, we have quantified what our members have demonstrated – a rock-solid commitment to the safety of their employees and craftworkers," said Jack Kocsis Jr., Chief Executive Officer of BCANJ. "We are privileged to recognize them publicly for what they do so capably every day."

Receiving the award for "Zero Lost Workdays" were these 17 BCANJ member firms: BFC Ltd. of Egg Harbor Twp.; Damon G. Douglas Company, Inc., of Cranford; Willard Dunham Construction Company of South Plainfield; Fitzpatrick & Associates Inc., of Eatontown; Albert Garlatti Construction Co., Inc., of New Brunswick; Hall Building Corp. of Farmingdale; Hall Construction Co., Inc., of Howell; Ingrassia Construction Co., Inc., of Middlesex; John D. Lawrence, Inc., of Westville; Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp. of Pine Brook; Nurminen Construction Corporation of Hawthorne; J.R. Prisco, Inc., of Summit; Schnell Contracting Services LLC of Freehold; Skanska USA Building – New Jersey Operations of Parsippany; Sundance Construction Co., Inc., of Lincoln Park; Torcon, Inc., of Red Bank; and Vericon Construction Company of Westfield.

Receiving the award for "Lost Workday Incidence Rate Below the National Average" were these three BCANJ member firms: Fromkin Brothers Inc., of Edison; Let It Grow Inc., of River Edge; and Tumer Construction Company of Somerset.

Recognized for their participation in CISP were these five BCANJ member firms: DePalma Contracting Inc., of Toms River; Hunter Roberts Construction Group of Newark; John D. Lawrence, Inc., of Westville; Macedos Construction LLC of Flemington; and March Associates Construction of Wayne.

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In addition to tracking the safety records of its members, BCANJ offers numerous safety programs, including the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course and OSHA Train-the-Trainer classes. Through Collective Bargaining Agreements with the NJ Regional Council of Carpenters, the NJ Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and the NJ Laborers Union, the Association helped train hundreds of union craftworkers via the OSHA 30-Hour course.

About BCANJ

Established in 1937, Edison-based Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) is made up of some 225 active and associate members who are engaged in commercial, institutional and industrial construction. BCANJ works to unify the construction industry in terms of labor relations, improved business methods and standards, high safety standards, and overall project efficiency and productivity. Through an exchange of services and information, BCANJ members are made award of issues that directly impact the construction industry in New Jersey.

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