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BCANJ PRESENTS SAFETY AWARDS TO 16 CONTRACTOR MEMBERS

Edison, NJ - In a special presentation before the combined membership of the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey (BCANJ) and the Construction Roundtable of New Jersey (CRTNJ), BCANJ conferred its highest safety award to 11 member firms that completed 2006 without losing a single workday due to an accident. Another five firms finished the year with "lost workday incidence rates" below the national average for the construction industry.

The contractor firms were honored for their safety excellence at the BCANJ's 18th Annual Safety Awards Program on March 27th at the Marriott Lafayette Yard in Trenton, attended by more than 100 BCANJ and CRTNJ members. During the past 18 years, the Association has presented more than 335 safety awards to its member firms in recognition of their commitment to safety and excellence in the workplace.

"Across the country, we've seen an improvement in safety statistics for the construction industry," reported Robert Gariepy, President of the BCANJ and Executive Vice President and Principal of Austin Helle Company of Cedar Grove. "With their commitment to safety, our contractor members also reflect that improvement."

New Jersey is known for having an on-the-job injury rate that is significantly lower than the national average. But this year, the national average, calculated based on number of injuries per 100 full-time workers, also dropped, to 2.6 per 100.

Receiving the award for "Zero Lost Workdays" were these 11 BCANJ member firms: Berkowsky & Associates of Cranbury; Clemens Construction Company of Philadelphia; Damon G. Douglas Company of Cranford; Willard Dunham Construction Company of South Plainfield; Fitzpatrick & Associates, Inc., of Tinton Falls; Albert Garlatti Construction Co., Inc., of New Brunswick; Hall Construction Co., Inc., of Howell; The Henderson Corporation of Raritan; March Associates Inc. of Wayne; Joseph A. Natoli Construction Corp. of Pine Brook; and Vericon Construction Co. of Westfield.

Receiving the award for "Lost Workday Incidence Rate Below the National Average" were these five BCANJ member firms: Bovis Lend Lease, Inc., of Princeton; Epic Management, Inc., of Piscataway; Fromkin Brothers of Edison; Torcon, Inc., of Red Bank; and Turner Construction Company of Somerset.

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In addition to tracking the safety records of its members, the BCANJ offers numerous safety programs, including the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course, OSHA Train-the-Trainer classes and the Construction Industry Safety Partnership, a cooperative effort between OSHA and the Association. In 2006, 179 member employees participated in safety training offered through the BCANJ. Year-to-date in 2007, more than 40 member employees have participated in BCANJ safety programs.

About BCANJ

Established in 1937, the 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 aware of issues that directly impact the construction industry in New Jersey.