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Erland Construction Named Gold S.T.E.P. Safety Award Winner By the Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts & Gould Construction Institute



Burlington, Massachusetts –

Erland Construction recently was named a Gold Safety, Training, and Evaluation Process (S.T.E.P.) award recipient by Associated Builders and Contractors of Massachusetts (ABC), the state's largest commercial construction association, and the Gould Construction Institute (GCI), ABC's training affiliate, at the 14th Annual ABC/GCI Safety & Education Dinner held May 17 at the Burlington Marriott in Burlington, MA.

S.T.E.P. is a national ABC program that provides safety benchmarking and improvement tools that have been shown to dramatically improve safety performance among participating companies. Established in 1969, S.T.E.P. was developed and

written by contractors, for contractors. Companies measure their safety performance and policies through a review of 20 key components with a goal of enhancing safety programs and reducing jobsite incident rates. "A contractor's most valuable resource is their workers. There is nothing more important than jobsite safety," said GCI President Barbara Lagergren. "This year's S.T.E.P. award recipients deserve each and every accolade they received by continuing to raise the standards of safety, training, and education throughout the construction industry."

S.T.E.P. Awards are presented annually to ABC member companies with exceptional safety records and this year's applicant pool was very competitive, with 58 companies recognized for their outstanding commitment to jobsite safety. Applicants are evaluated on a number of statistical factors such as incident rates, lost time and OSHA recordables. The S.T.E.P. Awards banquet is ABC/GCI's premier annual event. Over the past four decades, Erland has received both gold and platinum levels of this award as part of their ongoing efforts to evolve their quality safety program.

In more than 40 years, Erland Construction has successfully grown into the Northeast's leading open shop construction management and general contracting firm. The Company is headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts and has specialized expertise for new construction, additions, and renovations in major market sectors including residential, academic, corporate, advanced technology/life sciences, commercial, senior living and hospitality. For more information, visit www.erland.com.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly 21,000 chapter members. The ABC MA Chapter represents 440 firms across the state. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC helps members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically, profitably and for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. Visit us at www.abcm.org. GCI is the training affiliate of the Massachusetts Chapter of Associated Builders & Contractors. For more information about GCI and their course offerings, please visit www.gwgci.org or call (781) 270-9990.