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**PIZZAGALLI CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH BURLINGTON, VERMONT WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR DEVELOPING, RUNNING TOP TRAINING PROGRAM**

*Six Other Programs Nationwide Receive First-Ever Associated General Contractors of America Education Excellence Awards*

ATLANTA, GA – South Burlington, Vermont based Pizzagalli Construction and six other leading construction professionals, companies and chapters were recognized today for developing successful training programs, the Associated General Contractors of America announced. The construction craft, supervisory and management programs received the first-ever Education Excellence Awards as a result, the association noted.

“Having all the construction expertise in the world doesn’t matter unless you have an effective way to share it with colleagues and co-workers,” said Ted Aadland, the association’s senior vice president, who announced the winners during the AGC HR and Training & Development Conference in Atlanta today. “There are no better examples of how to educate and improve construction professionals than these programs.”

The award for best craft training program by a member company went to **Pizzagalli Construction of South Burlington, Vermont**. The company developed a craftworker training program that offers courses in blueprint reading and machinery and tool operations, among others. Since the company started its program in 2007, more than 200 employees have been through a training course, and 42 have completed an advanced training course. The program helped the company reduce the cost of its average job by 12 percent of the initial estimate.

Pizzagalli is one of the nation’s largest employee-owned contractors offering general contracting, construction management and design/build services to private and public clients on projects of all sizes.

**New York City-based Turner Construction** was named the grand award winner for its company-wide training program. The instructor of the year award went to **Paul Stout** for his work for the **AGC of San Diego** chapter. **Tempe, Arizona-based Sundt Construction** received the project & executive management training award for member companies for its Leadership Excellence Accelerates Performance program.

The **AGC of Wisconsin** won the project & executive management training award for chapters based on its Leadership AGC program. **Mascaro Construction of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** received the supervisory training award for its Feedback for Performance Workshops. And the award for chapter craft training program went to the **Kansas Contractors Association** for its Construction Industry Training Program.

Aadland noted that the winners were chosen by a 12-person judging panel made up of industry professionals. The judges evaluated nearly 40 different training programs that were nominated for the award. The Education Excellence Award is the only national program that recognizes construction industry training for all levels of the profession, from managers to craftworkers, Aadland added.

Click here for images of the various training programs.

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