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State Group, Alcoa and Southwestern Indiana Building Trades Council Take Home Top Honors at 2010 Zero Injury Safety Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The State Group Industrial (USA) Limited, Alcoa Inc. and the Southwestern Indiana Building Trades Council jointly received top honors at the 10th Annual Zero Injury Safety Awards (ZISA) Gala, held on Thursday, October 28 at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

The ZISA program was created in 1999 by The National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee Inc. (NMAPC), an impartial body that administers a set of collective bargaining agreements utilized by more than 2,500 industrial contractors who employ members of 14 international unions collectively known as the “building trades” (ironworkers, boilermakers, electrical workers, etc.). Each award recognizes an alliance between owner-clients, signatory contractors and the unions who worked together in a tripartite fashion to achieve zero injuries on their projects.

The State Group, Alcoa and the Southwestern Indiana Building Trades Council won the top award of the evening, a Silver Star, for completing more than 791,000 injury-free work hours at the Warrick Generating Station in Newburgh, Indiana. A high-resolution photo (3.4 MB) of the award winners is available online at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/photo/o38CyBSwTggizRpGlzSHcvqWEwIRKonKziZIEUafwL8?feat=directlink>

"The winners' hard work, cooperation and dedication to the zero injury philosophy proves once again that union construction is the safest and best option on the market," said Steve Lindauer, Impartial Secretary and CEO of the NMAPC.

A complete list of winners is available at <http://www.nmapc.org/zisa>.

The 10th Annual ZISA Gala was also a time for reflection on a decade of accomplishments. Emmitt Nelson, one of the foremost advocates of the zero injury philosophy, was presented with a special award for his pioneering efforts to create injury-free workplaces across the country.

"Emmitt has been, and continues to be, a tireless advocate for the zero injury philosophy," said Lindauer. "When he retired from Shell Oil Company in 1992, he devoted himself full-time to spreading the message and convincing owner-clients, contractors and unions that an injury-free workplace wasn't just a myth or some utopian idea. It's safe to say that Emmitt's hard work, commitment and passion have pushed the zero injury concept to the forefront of the construction and industrial maintenance industries."

The keynote speaker for the evening was Lt. General Russel Honoré (Ret.), the Commander of Joint Task Force Katrina in 2005. Known for his no-nonsense leadership philosophy, Honoré delivered a vivid, patriotic speech that brought a standing ovation from the crowd. Honoré also congratulated the ZISA winners for their outstanding commitment to the zero injury philosophy.

"We celebrated a milestone," Lindauer said of the event. "Almost everyone at the ZISA Gala played a part in a decade's worth of outstanding effort from union contractors, their customers and tens of thousands of union craft workers. I look forward to the next ten years, and I'm confident we can achieve even greater things."

ABOUT THE NMAPC

The National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee Inc. negotiates and administers the National Maintenance Agreements, a series of collective bargaining agreements utilized by more than 2,500 industrial contractors who employ members of 14 building trades international unions. The agreements provide a cost-effective vehicle for contractors and skilled building trades workers to perform construction, maintenance and repair work for the country's industrial and manufacturing base.

The NMAPC was the first national labor management organization in the construction industry to become incorporated, and is based in the philosophy of tripartite cooperation between the customer, contractor and union craft personnel. To date, the NMAPC program has accounted for more than 2 billion work-hours for the building trades and contractors.

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