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A & M CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY EXCELLENCE BY ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Wakefield-based company awarded STEP Award for Record on Safety

BURLINGTON – The Massachusetts Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the Commonwealth’s largest construction trade association, recently presented A & M Construction Co., Inc. with ABC’s national Safety Training and Evaluation Program (STEP) “Gold” award for 2006. STEP awards are presented to companies recognized as having an outstanding commitment to jobsite safety. Awards were presented to contractors at a ceremony on May 17th at the Montvale Plaza in Stoneham.

“A & M Construction Co., Inc. is to be commended for making safety a major priority. Their efforts will help raise the bar for construction safety and ensure that there are fewer accidents and injuries in an industry that is inherently risky,” said ABC MA President Gregory F. Beeman.

The STEP process provides a unique approach to recognizing the safety achievements of ABC member firms. Two important criteria are taken into consideration for the award: (1) statistical information such as incident rates, lost time, company MOD, and OSHA records during 2006, and (2) a safety audit consisting of 20 key components of a company safety program. This information is an important part of the scoring, and also tells the company where they stand and to what level they can “STEP up.”

The STEP program was developed and written by contractors, for contractors. Program benefits include:

- An organized approach for analyzing and developing safety and loss prevention programs
- A valid, objective method for measuring safety program improvements
- A safety performance recognition useful in business development

For more information on the STEP program, contact Barbara Lagergren, Executive Director of the Gould Construction Institute, the training arm of ABC, at barbara@gwgci.org.

For more information on ABC, please visit www.abcma.org or call 781-273-0123.

Associated Builders and Contractors, Massachusetts Chapter, represents over 420 local general contractor, subcontractor, and supplier and associate companies, which employ more than 20,000 workers throughout Massachusetts. It has spent the past 35 years fulfilling its founders’ mission of promoting and advancing the merit construction industry and its philosophy that all construction contracts, both public and private, should be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, regardless of labor affiliation.