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## **MDI Inc. General Contractors Wins National AGC Safety Excellence Award**

(Irving, Texas – June 2006) MDI Inc. General Contractors was recently recognized by The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) as one of the nation's top construction safety leaders who consistently exhibits outstanding safety practices. MDI received AGC's Construction Safety Excellence Award with second place honors in the Building Division category for general contractors with 100,000 or less work hours at the National Convention held in Palm Springs, CA. "Winning this award for the second consecutive year means everything to our employees and subcontractors who work so hard to insure safe jobsites and injury-free personnel," says Frank Pieschel, MDI President.



*MDI employees (left to right) Todd Woodruff, Randy McCord, Letty Coleman, and Frank Pieschel accept AGC's Construction Safety Excellence Award in Palm Springs, CA.*

National AGC is comprised of 33,000 members including approximately 7,000 general contractors. MDI was selected locally by QUOIN judges last fall as the best safety program in their Building Division category. QUOIN then forwarded MDI's application and written proposal as well as other Division category winners to National AGC judges. After undergoing a highly competitive national selection process, AGC selected MDI as one of three finalists to compete and make an oral presentation at the National Convention in their Division category. Winners were announced at the annual AGC/Willis Construction Safety Excellence Awards Breakfast. Accepting the award on behalf of MDI's employees included MDI President Frank Pieschel, project manager Todd Woodruff, field superintendent Randy McCord, and Letty Coleman in the estimating department. Other members of MDI's Safety Committee include Randy Hubbard, Vice President of Operations and Risk Management, and Tracy Skelton, Vice President of Field Operations who is also the company's Safety Director.

The national safety award program requires finalists to achieve zero work site fatalities and multi-catastrophic injuries, and demonstrate management commitment, active employee participation, on-going safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovations.

According to Randy Hubbard, "During our 40 years in business, MDI has strived to be the best general contractor possible and one of the ways to achieve this has certainly been our strong commitment to the safety, health and well-being of our employees and others who work with us and visit on our jobsites. Safety is clearly and visibly integrated into our company's culture and this has made it easier for us to meet national safety award requirements."

Contributing to MDI's safety success is a very dynamic and involved Safety Committee representing all departments and levels within the company including top management. Committee members have a strong voice in safety decisions and regularly come up with new ways to make meaningful safety improvements. MDI has also taken steps to exceed several of the minimum OSHA standards and site-specific safety and emergency plans are created for each project. Continuous safety training, workshops, videos, hand-outs, and hands-on safety demonstrations are provided each week to keep safety front and center in the minds of MDI employees. QUOIN provides safety inspections on MDI jobsites using SafetyNet technology in addition to MDI conducting its own jobsite inspections. Detailed safety documentation, measurement of safe practices, a safety incentive program, putting together an annual budget for investing in safety, pre-planning accident prevention, and bilingual employees all help MDI achieve its safety goals. This same commitment to safety is transferred



to subcontractors working with MDI who are carefully selected based on their commitment to safety and who can demonstrate a positive safety track record.



*MDI staff including President Frank Pieschel, subcontractors and field personnel assemble at North Dallas High School for the recent May 17 industry-wide Safety Stand Down.*

One of the recent additions to MDI's excellent safety program has been the firm's participation in the three industry-wide Safety Stand Downs held during 2005 and 2006. During the recent Stand Down on May 17, Tracy Skelton says, "All of our employees including office personnel and company executives participated in the Stand Down that focused on electrical safety--seven projects were shut down for 1-1/2 hours and over 230 subcontractors participated in the safety training exercise with us."

Following the national safety award ceremony in Palm Springs, MDI was honored at home during QUOIN's Construction Industry Oscar Awards program when Buddie Barnes, QUOIN Board Chair and President of Dee Brown, Inc. presented MDI employees with a QUOIN Industry Safety Excellence Award recognizing MDI for their local and national safety achievements. "It has been great for us to receive this type of recognition

and we are committed to work even harder this year to continually improve the quality of our safety program," states Pieschel.