

## 2006 Construction Safety Excellence Awards

The Willis/AGC Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) program challenges AGC members to help raise the bar for safety throughout the industry. For companies of all sizes and occupational divisions, the program's judges qualitatively examine each applicant's commitment to safety and health. The program looks for direct evidence of corporate commitment, worker training, active employee participation, and safety innovation.

Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, the program is taking root and attracting some AGC members that have never before competed for an AGC award. Selection is tough but fair, with a multi-stage process involving many hours of work by company representatives, chapters, the CSEA review panel, and CSEA judges. For categories in which no company meets the award's high criteria, no one receives the award. All CSEA winners can be proud of being recognized by a program that is setting new benchmarks for industry safety performance.

Hamilton Construction Company of Springfield, Oregon received the Oregon-Columbia AGC Chapter Award and at the Associated General Contractors National Convention in Palm Springs, Ca, Hamilton was recognized as a finalist for AGC's national Construction Safety Excellence Award for Heavy Highway Contractors.

Receiving the award on behalf of Hamilton's employees was President Scott Williams and Safety Manager John Prendergast. Hamilton received this prestigious award because of their commitment to operating facilities and projects in a safe, efficient manner in compliance with all applicable safety, health, and environmental regulations. With this strong commitment from management, the culture of safety has spread to all employees. Beginning with the hiring process, employees are immediately immersed in the safety culture. Safety Manager John Prendergast orients staff each step of the way and through every aspect of the job. This includes subcontractors as well as Hamilton Construction employees. Monthly and weekly training meetings are held, and daily huddles include pertinent safety reminders. This commitment is what has earned Hamilton Construction Company this award confirming Hamilton's safety performance success.