

## Safety's A Top AGC Of Michigan Priority



*As AGC of Michigan Chairman Ron Hausmann listens, MIOSHA Director Doug Kalinowski outlines the strategic alliance the two organizations share*

As an important strategic safety alliance was renewed, contractors from all across Michigan were honored during the 2008 annual meeting of the Associated General Contractors of Michigan for excellence in their safety programs.

Doug Kalinowski, director of the Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration, signed with AGC of Michigan Chairman Ron Hausmann, of Walbridge Aldinger, Detroit, a renewed agreement to work together on safety as well as eliminating work related illnesses.

"By combining our resources," Kalinowski said, "the AGC of Michigan and MIOSHA can have a significant impact on safety and health prevention efforts at construction job sites. This strategic alliance will give AGC of Michigan contractors the necessary tools to protect their workers and commit to safe and healthy work practices."

The key goals of the partnership include:

- Promoting enhanced awareness of worker safety and health.
- Promoting worker safety through education and job site training.

- Promoting the increase implementation of accident prevention programs.
- Promoting both regular and unscheduled safety and health hazard surveys by MIOSHA's Consultation, Education & Training Division.

Contractors participating in the alliance will post a weatherproof banner designed for construction site that promotes it. The banner showcases the contractor's strong commitment to safety and health.

"When workers, subcontractors, even the public sees this, it stresses the importance of construction safety and health on the project site," said Pete Anderson, the AGC of Michigan's safety director. "It shows commitment on the part of the project management team to achieving zero lost work time due to accidents, if not the total elimination of injuries and work related health problems."

The first formal cooperation agreement between MIOSHA and the Michigan Chapter AGC was signed in 1998. The 2008 ceremony was conducted as part of the presentation of the AGC of Michigan's awards for best safety records among its members for 2007.

The winners and their categories were:

- **Division I** — over 500,000 work hours — Skanska USA Building, Southfield, and Walbridge Aldinger, Detroit.
- **Division II** — 300,000 to 500,000 work hours — Alberici Constructors Inc., Livonia; the Christman Company, Lansing; and Grand River Construction, Hudsonville.
- **Division III** — 100,000 to 300,000 work hours — George W. Auch Company, Pontiac; Clark Construction Company, Lansing; Gundlach Champion Inc., Houghton; Hatzel & Buehler, Flint; F.H. Martin Constructors, Warren; Niles Industrial, Fenton; Spence Brothers, Saginaw; and Turner Construction, Detroit.
- **Division IV** — 50,000 to 100,000 work hours — Closner Construction & Sales, Marquette; Devon Industrial Group, Detroit; R.C. Hendrick & Son, Saginaw; J.S. Vig Construction Company, Taylor; Krieghoff Lenawee, Adrian; Yalmer Mattila Contracting, Houghton; McCarthy & Smith, Farmington Hills; Merlyn Contracting, Novi; Moore Trosper Construction, Holt; O'Brien Construction Company, Pontiac; A.Z. Shmina, Brighton; Wobig Construction Company, Saginaw; and W-3 Construction Company, Detroit.
- **Division V** — under 50,000 work hours — Alfredson Brothers Construction, Menominee; Cunningham Construction, Jackson; the Dailey Company, Lake Orion; Doring Inc., Troy; Hagen Excavating Company, Saginaw; Haussman Construction Company, Lansing; the Monahan Company, Eastpointe; Muskegon Construction, Muskegon; Oliver/Hatcher Construction, Novi; and Whitaker Construction, Kalamazoo.

• **Safety Honor Roll** — average of 1.00 or less — Bacco Construction Company, Iron Mountain, and Barton Malow Company, Southfield.



*Representing the Division I Safety Excellence Award Winners was Dennis Jones, Walbridge Aldinger Company, Detroit.*



*Division II Safety Excellence Winners included, from left: Steve Roznowski, Christman Company, Lansing, and Jim Gouin, Grand River Construction Inc., Hudsonvill*



*Division III Safety Excellence Winners included, from left: Herb Spence, Spence Brothers, Saginaw; Cliff Kazmierczak, Turner Construction Company, Detroit; Jill Bachelor, Gundlach Champion Inc., Houghton; Andy Martin, F.H. Martin Constructors, Warren; Tony Rohac, Clark Construction Company, Lansing; and Vince Auch, George W. Auch Company, Pontiac*



*Division IV Safety Excellence Winners included, from left: (Standing) Pat Schrauben, Moore Trasper Construction, Holt; Dan Talmage, O'Brien Construction Company, Pontiac; Brian MacAskill, McCarthy & Smith Inc., Farmington Hills; Ken Madolski, J.S. Vig Construction Company, Taylor; Chip Hendrick, R.C. Hendrick & Son, Saginaw. (Seated) Lincoln Garrett, W-3 Construction Company, Detroit; Hazel Leonard, Kreighoff Lenawee, Adrian; Tom Cholette, Yalmer Mattila Contracting, Houghton; and Andy Shmina, A.Z. Shmina, Brighton.*



*Division V Safety Excellence Winners included, from left: Kevin Monahan, Monahan Construction, Eastpointe, and Kip Cunningham, Cunningham Construction, Jackson*



*With their Safety Honor Roll Awards are Doug Rigoni (left), Bacco Construction, Iron Mountain, and Tom Porter, Barton Malow Company, Southfield.*