



NIA Announces the 2019 Safety Excellence Award Winners

Herndon, Virginia—May 5, 2020—The National Insulation Association (NIA) announced the 2019 Safety Excellence Award winners virtually today in conjunction with its webinar: Contractors Panel Discussion on Construction Challenges and Opportunities Amid COVID-19.

NIA's Safety Excellence Award is the only national award for outstanding safety performance in the mechanical insulation industry. NIA created the award program more than a decade ago to recognize top companies that have established structured safety programs to ensure the well-being of their employees and create safe working environments.

NIA's Safety Excellence Award program honors 4 levels of excellence: Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze for Associates (Manufacturers), Contractors, Distributors/Fabricators, and Metal Building Laminators.

Safety Excellence Award winners are normally announced during NIA's Annual Convention, but with the event cancellation, NIA selected its popular webinar series to announce the winners. NIA's Executive Vice President/CEO Michele M. Jones said, "Each year, we honor our member companies that make safety a priority every day and seek to make continuous improvements to their programs. Now, in the current collective COVID-19 environment, the importance of a strong and well communicated safety program is more important than ever. We are very proud to have 28 Platinum winners and 2 first-time applicants in this year's competition."

Throughout the judging process, applicant companies remain anonymous and winners are evaluated on the basis of their overall safety program, means of communication, and safety policy. All applicant companies receive an individualized and detailed Safety Training Analysis Results (STAR) Report™. The STAR Report includes personalized recommendations based on each applicant's answers to the application questions.

Associate (Manufacturer) category winners are:

Gold:

- Armacell, *Chapel Hill, NC*
- Dyplast Products, LLC, *Miami, FL*
- ROCKWOOL Technical Insulation, *Milton, ON, Canada*

Platinum:

- CertainTeed Corporation, *Malvern, PA*
- Johns Manville, *Denver, CO*
- Knauf Insulation, Inc., *Shelbyville, IN*
- Owens Corning, *Toledo, OH*

Contractor category winners are:

Bronze:

- Performance Firestop, Inc., *Green Bay, WI*

Gold:

- ATI Insulation, Inc., *Grand Junction, CO*
- Farwest Insulation Contracting, *Anaheim, CA*
- F & H Insulation Sales and Services, Inc., *Kechi, KS*
- Geo. V. Hamilton, Inc., *McKees Rocks, PA*
- hth Companies, Inc., *Union, MO*
- Insul-Tech, Inc., *Frederick, MD*

Platinum:

- Advanced Energy Protection, LLC, *Greenwood, IN*
- Advanced Industrial Services, LLC, *Toledo, OH*
- Advanced Nuclear, LLC, *Greenwood, IN*
- Advanced Specialty Contractors, LLC, *Aston, PA*
- Argus Contracting, LLC, *Santa Fe Springs, CA*
- Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC, *Hicksville, NY*
- Cornerstone Services Group, LLC, *Kansas City, MO*
- DKB, Inc., *Pasco, WA*
- Gagnon, Inc., *St. Paul, MN*
- Gribbins Insulation Company, Inc., *Evansville, IN*
- Hawkeye Insulation Specialists, Inc., *Cedar Rapids, IA*
- Iowa Illinois Taylor Insulation Company, *Davenport, IA*
- I-Star Energy Solutions, *Quarryville, PA*
- Liberty Industrial Group, *Phoenix, AZ*
- Luse Thermal Technologies, *Aurora, IL*
- Performance Contracting, Inc., *Lenexa, KS*
- QCI Thermal Systems, Inc., *Iowa City, IA*
- Thermal Solutions—Ohio, Inc., *Proctorville, OH*

Distributor/Fabricator category winners are:

Silver:

- Geo. V. Hamilton, Inc., *McKees Rocks, PA*

Gold:

- Shook & Fletcher Insulation Co., *Birmingham, AL*

Platinum:

- American Mechanical Insulation Sales, Inc., *Farmington Hills, MI*
- Bay Insulation Systems, Inc., *Green Bay, WI*

- Extol of Ohio, Inc., *Norwalk, OH*
- Specialty Products & Insulation, *Charlotte, NC*

Metal Building Laminator category winners are:

Platinum:

- Bay Insulation Systems, Inc., *Green Bay, WI*
- Silvercote, A Distribution International Company, *Greenville, SC*

Congratulations to all the winners, and NIA looks forward to presenting each company with its award in person at NIA's Fall Summit 2020, taking place November 4–5, 2020, at the MGM National Harbor. An archive of the award announcement will be available tomorrow at www.insulation.org/membership/safety-award/award-winners/.

Applications for the 2020 Safety Award are now available on NIA's website (www.insulation.org/membership/safety-award/) and are due on September 1, 2020.

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