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News Release

Seven local contracting companies receive top honors at 2003 Golden Triangle Business Roundtable safety awards luncheon

Business Roundtable honors Golden Triangle contractors for exemplary safety performance

Nederland, August 26, 2003: Seven contracting companies in Southeast Texas received top honors today at the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable's annual contractor safety awards luncheon.



The honorees were:

- **Large Construction**

Echo Maintenance, Ltd. for work at Premcor Refining Group, Inc.

- **Small Construction**

Chicago Bridge & Iron Industrial for work at the ExxonMobil Refinery.

- **Large Maintenance**

Echo Maintenance, Ltd. For work at ATOFINA Petrochemicals, Inc.

- **Small Maintenance**

Triple "S" Industrial for work at the ExxonMobil Beaumont Chemical Plant.

- **Large Specialty**

Protherm Services Group LLC for work at ExxonMobil Refining and Supply Co.

- **Medium Specialty**

Brock Services, Ltd. For work at Huntsman Corporation C-4.

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- **Small Specialty**

Industrial Process Insulation for work at ATOFINA Petrochemicals, Inc.

- **Engineering**

ENGlobal Engineering, Inc. for work at Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, DuPont Beaumont Works, ExxonMobil Chemical O&A, Motiva Enterprises, LLC, and the Premcor Refining Group, Inc.

Jim O'Brien, Vice President of Safety and Environment for Entergy Corporation, was the keynote speaker at the Golden Triangle Business Roundtable's annual Contractor Safety Awards luncheon held today at the Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza.

The luncheon was the 12th annual safety awards presentation for the Business Roundtable, which uses the occasion to honor Golden Triangle contractors for their outstanding safety achievements in the workplace.

Business Roundtable's safety awards

The Golden Triangle Business Roundtable promotes cost effective construction and maintenance through the cooperative efforts of owners and contractors for the benefit of its members and the community.

Member companies are users of construction and maintenance services in their daily operations.

Among its various objectives is the promotion of contractor safety through such programs as the safety awards luncheon, collection and distribution of published safety statistics, development of uniform safety statistics request forms for users, and development of specific safety training programs for high risk activities such as excavations, scaffolding, ladders, cranes, etc.

Golden Triangle Business Roundtable members began making nominations for this year's safety awards in March. The Business Roundtable's Safety Subcommittee began

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evaluations in May, then conducted on-site visits and interviews with contractors before selecting the 2002 recipients in July. Awards are presented to large and small contractors in categories of new construction, maintenance, and specialty.

Jim O'Brien speaks at luncheon

O'Brien is currently responsible for stewardship of Entergy's safety and environmental programs, policies, and leading-edge global initiatives.

His prior assignments include VP of Energy, Environment, Safety and Health at Lockheed Martin, where he was well known for his worldwide development of programs and processes that resulted in the transformation of Lockheed Martin into the industry segment leader. Before that, he established a series of novel corporate oversight and governance programs for DOE nuclear operations while serving as the Technical Director of Corporate programs at Martin Marietta.

He has held environmental management positions with several other Fortune 50 companies, overseeing major superfund cleanups, managing petroleum refining environmental affairs, and designing pollution abatement facilities for both domestic and international facilities.

O'Brien has restructured, integrated and led cross-functional teams within DuPont, Shell Oil, ARCO, Martin Marietta and Lockheed. In each instance he was placed in a visible position and given responsibility to develop key programs or processes for the organization.

His most recent experience focused on acquisition and divestiture activities, post merger integration assignments, and managing associated attendant legacy issues. He brought his experience into the customer relations arena with the Department of Defense and was asked to contribute as an active participant in acquisition reform, base realignment and conversion (BRAC) initiatives, and cost containment studies. In addition, he gained considerable

experience developing novel risk management tools used during the creation of large international joint ventures.

O'Brien received his bachelors and masters degrees in engineering from the University of Missouri, and graduated from the Lockheed Martin Executive Institute in 1998. He has served as a trustee of the Keystone Institute and as a member of several Lockheed Martin company Boards.

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