

## Construction Employers' Association Recognizes Safety Excellence



CEA President's Safety Award recipients are, from left: Mike Popp of XL Construction Corp.; Tony Williamson of Swinerton Builders; Bill Benham of DPR Construction, Inc.; Corey Ward of Clark Construction Group – California, LP; Dale Jackson of C. Overaa & Co.; Dave Bagley of Hallmark Construction, Inc.; Paul Czuleger of McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.; Add Kennon of S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc.; Tony Mirenda of TBI Construction & Construction Management; and not pictured, Performance Mechanical, Inc.



Jim Girk of Nibbi Bros. Associates, Inc., is the recipient of CEA Leadership in Safety Award.

The Construction Employers' Association honors member firms who have demonstrated a strong commitment to workplace safety. The Association hosted a special luncheon on Feb. 12, 2009 at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Walnut Creek to recognize these safety-conscious firms.

Safety award applications were evaluated on several criteria, including a total incident rate 25% below the industry average, a lost workday incident rate 25% below the industry average, an experience modification rate below 1.0, a flat or negative experience modification trend over the past four years and demonstration of an active safety training program.

### Recipients of the 2008 CEA Excellence in Safety Award are:

Acme Construction Co., Inc. of Modesto;  
Alten Construction, Inc. of Richmond;  
BBI Construction of Oakland;  
BNB NorCal of San Mateo;  
C. Overaa & Co. of Richmond;  
C.W. Roen Construction Company of Danville;  
Cahill Contractors, Inc. of San Francisco;  
Clark Construction Group – California, LP of Oakland;  
Clark Pacific of West Sacramento;  
Devcon Construction, Inc. of Milpitas;  
Dolan Concrete Construction of San Jose;  
Dome Construction Corp. of San Francisco;  
DPR Construction, Inc. of Redwood City;  
Gonsalves & Stronck Construction Co., Inc. of San Carlos  
Hallmark Construction, Inc. of Santa Clara;  
Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Co. of San Francisco; >> p. 26



Dave Bagley (left) of Hallmark Construction, Inc. accepts the 2008 Most Improved Safety Program Award from Charlie Kuffner (right), CEA President.

Herrero Contractors, Inc. of San Francisco;  
Hunt Construction Group, Inc. of Phoenix, AZ;  
James E. Roberts-Obayashi Corp. of Danville;  
James R. Griffin, Inc. of Fremont;  
Lathrop Construction Associates, Inc. of Benicia;  
McCarthy Building Cos., Inc. of San Francisco;  
McClone Construction Co. of Shingle Springs;  
Meade Construction Group, Inc. of San Jose;  
Nibbi Bros. Associates, Inc. of San Francisco;  
Oliver & Company, Inc. of Richmond;  
Performance Mechanical, Inc. of Pittsburg;  
Plant Construction Co., L.P. of San Francisco;  
Roebbelen Contracting, Inc. of El Dorado Hills;  
Rudolph and Sletten, Inc. of Redwood City;  
SC Builders, Inc. of Sunnyvale;  
S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc. of Redwood Shores;  
Skanska USA Building, Inc. of Oakland;  
Swinerton Builders of San Francisco;  
TBI Construction & Construction Management of San Jose;  
Vance Brown, Inc. of Palo Alto;  
Webcor Builders of San Mateo;  
Wentz Group of Redwood Shores;  
XL Construction Corp. of Milpitas

“CEA strives to improve jobsite safety through education and training and we congratulate all 2008 CEA Safety Award recipients,” says Dana Lahargoue, Director of Safety for Roebbelen Contracting Inc. and Chair of the CEA Safety Program Steering Committee. ■

## Union Ironworkers Vow to Actively Pursue Contractor Relationships

In 2009, Union Ironworkers say they resolve to actively pursue relationships with contractors with whom no relationship exists to productively manage construction projects and workloads ensuring projects are completed on time and under budget.

“Our New Year’s resolution is a promise to contractors that we have not worked with in the past, that we will provide flexible help, a well-trained workforce, lower safety-related costs, the development of strong project supervision, a focused marketing effort and a high level of productivity in 2009,” says Joseph Hunt, general president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers. “Our members are ready and able to work, well-trained and committed to improving the economic and operational success of those contractors we work with.”

A relationship with Union Ironworkers includes various business benefits for contractors including no benefits administration costs, lower crew turnover and savings as a result of a more productive workforce. A productive workforce results in a project that is completed on time and under budget and vital to the business success of contractors and owners.

“Union construction workers have been found to be 17% more productive and good labor productivity not only reduces project costs, but it improves the project’s schedule and quality,” says Dean Findley of Independent Project Analysis, Inc., who independently reviews between 700 and 900 construction projects annually in order to provide relevant comparisons.

This New Year’s Resolution is a commitment based on the Ironworker Standard of Excellence, which reinforces the pride of every Ironworker and the commitment to be the most skilled, most productive and safest building trade. Contractors and owners can visit [www.IronworkersDoMore.com](http://www.IronworkersDoMore.com). ■