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GBRIA Celebrates 23 Years of Safety Excellence in Industry

BATON ROUGE, LA – April 5, 2019: The Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance, Inc. (GBRIA) announced the winners of its **23rd Annual Safety Excellence Awards**. The awards were presented at a banquet held on April 4, 2019 at the L'Auberge Resort in Baton Rouge, LA. Approximately 650 guests attended the event, which featured guest speaker John Jackson, host of the Discovery Channel television show “Out da Bayou.”

The award program was established in an effort to recognize excellent safety performance by contractors working in industrial facilities in 1996 under the leadership of Hal G. Ginn, Plant Manager of DSM Copolymer at the time. Ginn played an instrumental role as the chair of GBRIA in raising safety standards and expectations in industry in the Baton Rouge area, which has spread across the U.S. with other petrochemical and heavy industrial manufacturers.

GBRIA members that nominated their highest performing contractors included Air Liquide, Air Products, Americas Styrenics, BASF, CF Industries, Delek US, Eastman Chemical, Eco Services, ExxonMobil Baton Rouge, ExxonMobil Polyolefins, Formosa Plastics, Honeywell, Honeywell UOP, INEOS Oxide, Methanex, Mexichem, Nova Chemicals, Nucor Steel, Nutrien, Olin Plaquemine, Olin St. Gabriel, Occidental Chemical Convent, Occidental Chemical Geismar, Placid Refining, Renewable Energy Group (REG), Rubicon, Shell Catalyst and Technologies, Shell Chemical, Shell Convent Refinery, Solvay, Syngenta, The Dow Chemical Company, Total Petrochemical, W. R. Grace, Westlake Chemical Plaquemine, Westlake Chemical Geismar and Veolia.

The winning contract companies each year demonstrated a level of safety excellence that includes thousands and millions of hours worked without injury, a commitment by management to educate workers, and a fostered zero-incident culture.

The 2019 GBRIA Contractor Safety Excellence Awards were presented in five service categories with companies being further subdivided in each category by either Division I, Division II or Division III based on company size.

The following companies are GBRIA's 2019 award recipients:

General Construction and Maintenance

Div I:

- 1st Place: Petrochem Field Services
- 2nd Place: PALA Interstate
- 3rd Place: Industrial Specialist, LLC

Div II:

- 1st Place: Cajun Industries, LLC
- 2nd Place: Specialty Welding and Turnarounds, LLC (SWAT)
- 3rd Place: Repcon, Inc.

Div III:

- 1st Place: Performance Contractors, Inc.
- 2nd Place: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC
- 3rd Place: Turner Industries Group, LLC

Specialty Trade (Hard Craft)

Div I:

- 1st Place: Westgate, LLC
- 2nd Place: Midwest Cooling Towers, LLC
- 3rd Place: Cooling Tower Technologies, LLC

Div II:

- 1st Place: ISC Constructors, LLC
- 2nd Place: Turner Specialty Services, LLC
- 3rd Place: Universal Plant Services

Div III:

- 1st Place: MMR Constructors, Inc.
- 2nd Place: JVIC (A Zachry Group Company)

Specialty Trade (Soft Craft)

Div I:

- 1st Place: Coating Services, Inc.
- 2nd Place: Petrin

Div II:

- 1st Place: BrandSafway
- 2nd Place: Excel Modular Scaffolding & Leasing Corp.

Div III:

- 1st Place: Apache Industrial Services
- 2nd Place: Brock Services

Technical Support

Div I:

- 1st Place: Austin Fire Systems
- 2nd Place: Jacobs Alliance Group
- 3rd Place: Acuren Inspection, Inc.

Div II:

- 1st Place: Axion Logistics
- 2nd Place: Ford, Bacon & Davis
- 3rd Place: UP Professional Solutions

Div III:

- 1st Place: Total safety U.S., Inc.
- 2nd Place: Petroleum Service Corporation, an SGS Company
- 3rd Place: TEAM Industrial Services

GBRIA also announced winners of the **Community Service Award** and **Innovative Practice Award**. **Excel** received the **Community Service Award** and **Zachry Group** received the **Innovative Practice Award**.

The top award, the **2019 Hal G. Ginn Safety Excellence Award**, was earned by **Cajun Industries, LLC** for the best overall performance of all of the nominees.

Photos of the event can be seen at <https://gbria.shutterfly.com/pictures> beginning on 4/8/2019.

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