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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY CHERIE BERRY & EMILY FARR PRESENT OVER 100 STEP AWARDS

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Charlotte, NC — The Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of the Carolinas yesterday honored over 100 members for their dedication and commitment to excellence in safety. North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, Cherie Berry and South Carolina Director of Labor Licensing and Regulation, Emily Farr addressed the ABC membership and presented over 100 Safety Training Evaluation Program (STEP) awards. The awards were presented at the ABC annual Safety and HR conference in Concord, NC.

“ABC’s motto is *There is NO competition in Safety,*” said Doug Carlson, President and CEO of the ABC Carolinas. “Contractors big and small come together to encourage both their clients and their competitors to improve their safety programs so that everyone goes home at the end of each workday.”

Established in 1989, STEP was developed and written by contractors for contractors. Participating ABC member firms measure their safety processes and policies on 20 key components through a detailed questionnaire with the goal of implementing and enhancing safety programs that reduce jobsite incident rates. STEP participants are 150% safer than the Bureau of Labor Statistics average. Platinum STEP level companies are 330% safer and Diamond STEP level companies are 770% safer. For more information on STEP click here: <http://abcstep01.businesscatalyst.com/>

For a complete list of the ABC members receiving STEP Awards please click here: <http://bit.ly/2wgSjhM> and for a copy of all the award photos, please click here: <http://bit.ly/2y3SABb>.



NC Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry



SC Director of LLR Emily Farr

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Editors Note: Associated Builders and Contractors of the Carolinas represent the merit construction contractors and related firms in the Carolinas as a chapter of ABC, a national association representing more than 23,000 members. For more news and information visit www.abccarolinas.org.