

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SICKLESTEEL CRANES RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 GRAND SAFETY AWARD

Seattle, WA (May 19th, 2011) – The AGC of Washington state held its annual Build Washington Awards this year on May 19th at The Seattle Marriott Waterfront. The Build Washington Award celebrates the innovation, quality, safety expertise and community spirit of its AGC members. The event was emceed by KIRO radio personality, Dave Ross.

For its innovation and leadership in safety, Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. received the AGC 2011 Build Washington Grand Award for Safety Excellence. Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. also received the AGC 2011 Build Washington Award for Safety Excellence (in Subcontractor under 150,000 hours).



Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. furthered its recognition as a leader for its efforts to improve safety not only within its company but throughout the industry as well.

“Sicklesteel is so deserving of this prestigious honor. There are many great contractors within AGC, and many who are industry leaders, but what Thom Sicklesteel and his company exemplify is collaboration for the common good.” said AGC Safety Director Mandi Kime, “Sicklesteel could have very easily kept their knowledge and time to themselves, but instead, they opened up and shared industry wide on key safety issues pertaining to cranes. The end result is a safer industry and less confusion for all! It has been my honor and privilege to work with the team at Sicklesteel during the last several years, and I have learned so much from their expertise! Thom Sicklesteel exemplifies the core values of AGC: Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility.”

Sicklesteel took a leadership role in forging the Washington State legislation that required nationally-accredited operator certification, certified cranes and nationally-accredited crane certifiers. Sicklesteel participated in every stakeholder meeting and was also a member of the select Stakeholder group which crafted solutions to contentious subject areas in the Washington State crane rule.

Within the AGC of Washington, Sicklesteel took a leadership role to develop a crane safety subcommittee as a mechanism for crane issues and regulations to be addressed.

Sicklesteel Cranes believes it leads by its actions. It put the most stringent safety programs in place and insists on holding the bar high. This has led to an exceptional safety record in 2010 where Sicklesteel once again finished the year with zero time-loss or recordable injuries. Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. is now not the only sub-contractor to ever win the Grand Build Award for Safety Excellence, but also the only sub-contractor to win the Award consecutively every eligible year.

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