

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Sicklesteel Cranes wins first place in National Award for Safety

Mount Vernon, WA (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010) - Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. of Mount Vernon, WA, received the highest national recognition for its outstanding efforts in safety from the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America. Sicklesteel Cranes was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in AGC's Construction Safety Excellence Award (SCEA) during the association's national convention in March. Company President Thom Sicklesteel, Regional Operations Manager Ron Bahr and Safety Manager Steve Jouwsma accepted the award from AGC National Leaders and guest speaker Lee Trevino.



"There's no better measure of a company's commitment to quality than the strength of their safety program," said Doug Pruitt, AGC of America's

past-president who announced this year's winners. "While completing magnificent projects is important, protecting hard working employees is essential in this industry."

The awards recognize companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss prevention programs, and showcase companies that have achieved

continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems. Sicklesteel Cranes competed against more than 177 other companies and won the specialty division category. Winners were selected by a panel of five independent safety professionals within the government, corporate and insurance industries.

"Sicklesteel Cranes' national recognition is well deserved," said Mandi Kime, safety director for the association's local chapter, AGC of Washington. "Sicklesteel has been promoting safety throughout our state for years. Sicklesteel leads the AGC of Washington Crane Safety Task Force and shares their expertise in crane safety, helping to improve safety records throughout the industry. Sicklesteel Cranes has found accomplishment in improving the safety of the industry while fostering their company's success."

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