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Houston Construction Firm Wins Top National Safety Award

ORLANDO, FL — On March 19, 2010, Houston-based Brookstone, LP was honored at the Associated General Contractors' national convention safety awards breakfast with a Construction Safety Excellence Award, first place in the nation in their size category. Entrants from 95 AGC chapters across the nation are selected each year to compete in this comprehensive appraisal of contractor safety programs. Judges look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, safety program innovation and work-site hazard identification and control.

"Safety is fully embedded into Brookstone's corporate culture," says President Steve Dishman. "For us, a successful project must not only be on time and in budget but also be accident- and injury-free." Brookstone's comprehensive safety program is multi-tiered — safety orientation for all new employees (even administrative staff), site-specific training before each project starts and pre-installation safety meetings before each trade gets underway on the site. In addition to specific OSHA and other training requirements for managers and laborers, all employees are encouraged to and rewarded for taking additional safety classes.

Brookstone is continually looking for ways to enhance their safety program. "Last year we implemented a Safety Incident Report Card program that helps us track potential safety infractions, immediately correct the situation and discuss ways to prevent future incidents," says Corporate Safety Director Chris Roberts. "We also have a program that extends safety consciousness beyond project sites and into employees' homes. Kids ask their parents a series of questions about safety, fill out a form and get safety tee-shirts in return."

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Brookstone was one of three finalists in their category selected to give oral presentations at the convention. Dishman, Roberts and Superintendent Scott Kelly gave the presentation to the judges' panel that clinched the award. All Brookstone employees have taken ownership of the national honor that recognizes their cumulative contributions. "Pride has always been my banner working here and this is just the icing on the cake," Superintendent Bob Ferrier said upon learning about the award.

Brookstone is currently building projects for Brazosport College; Conroe, Klein, Hitchcock and Sabine Pass Independent School Districts; Harris County Emergency Services; San Jacinto River Authority; St. John Lutheran Church; Sugar Land First United Methodist Church; Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; and the master-planned community, Telfair. Their recent clients include Boys and Girls Country, Celanese, Continental Airlines, DePelchin Children's Center, John Cooper School, Shell and St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

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Doug Pruitt, President, Associated General Contractors of America; Paul Becker, President, Construction Practices, Willis (award breakfast sponsor); Chris Roberts and Steve Dishman, Brookstone; Lee Trevino, retired professional golfer